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1/1/18

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bt. lt.-col. 30/1/24
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Chenevix-Trench, J. F., *D.S.O.* (*S.C.*) (1) *d.* 23/11/25
3/6/17
Baxter, E. H. (2) 7/5/26

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McClean, T. H., i.v. 14/2/27
Byrne, J. O., M.C., *c.o.* 14/2/27
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Tarleton, B. (2) 23/12/23
Bucknall, D. C. (2) 8/7/24
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Jones, W. P., c.o. 30/8/25
Yorke, R. H. (1) 30/8/25
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Macmullen, M. N. E. (1) 31/1/26

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Laing, W. D. F. (1) 30/8/26
Bradford, C. J. (2) 30/8/26
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capt. 1/5/25
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31/3/18
capt. 31/3/26

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Newburn.

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Lt.-Colonel.

*Cruddas, B., *D.S.O.* (*Lt.-Col. Res. of Off.*) *t.a.* 27/5/27

Major.

*Bradley, G. L. 27/5/27

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*Hare, A. B., *M.C.* 22/9/17
*Wood, R. 1/4/23
*Clarke, F. B. 1/4/23
*Charlewood, G. E. 30/1/26
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Lieutenants.

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Neville, J. C. 22/9/26
*Boss, L. P. 19/4/27
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Adjutant.

*Fryer, R. W. H., *M.C.*, Lt., North'd. Fus. (*temp. Capt. T.A.* 29/9/26) 29/9/26

Quartermaster.

*Watson, W., *M.C.* (*Capt. ret. pay*) (*Res. of Off.*) 5/5/20

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5th Battalion (Territorial).

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*Anderson, W., *D.S.O., M.C., t.a.* 22/2/26

Major.

*Peatfield, B., *M.C.* 1/4/27

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*Leete, W. H., *D.F.C.* 18/7/18
*Carlile, T. A. 9/2/24
*Herdman, T. A. 30/4/25
Phillips, F. H. 6/11/26
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Lieutenants.

Rowe, D. E. (*Lt. Res. of Off.*) 24/4/27
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Giles, N. R. 9/11/28

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Ogden, J. M. 10/1/27
Ridley, R. A. 26/1/27
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Lt.-Colonel.

*Wilkinson, G. E., *M.C., t.a.* 29/3/28

Major.

*Bell, G. F. 29/3/28

Captains.

*Dawson, F., *M.C.* (Q.) 30/12/16
Parmeter, T. P. 25/11/20
*Rutherford, D. D., *M.C.* 26/5/26
*Carrick, C. B., *M.C.* 15/12/26
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Gardner, P. 17/12/26
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Gillespie, C. B. 18/12/26
*Clayton, F. C., *M.C.* 19/12/26

2nd-Lieutenants.

Potter, R. 13/4/26
Pearey, W. H. 23/4/26
Crisp, J. A. 27/10/26
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Adjutant.

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Quartermaster.

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Lt.-Colonel.

*Robson, *Hon.* H. B., *t.a.* 16/2/27

Major.

*Cowen, F. B., *M.C.* 21/11/25

Captains.

*Watson, E. H. (Q.) 9/7/20
*Todd, A. J. K. 8/12/26
*Carr-Ellison, J. C. (*Lt. Res. of Off.*) 23/12/26
*Gallon, S. H. 4/10/27
Potts, W. C. W. 5/10/27

Lieutenants.

*Dargie, W. H., *M.C.* 3/6/20
*Clay, F. W. 3/11/20
Moscrop, D. W. 19/6/26
Fuller, W. E. R. 11/10/26
Brown, V. W. 4/2/27
Grey, E. C. 24/9/27
17/1/24
Robson, M. 8/11/27

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Simpson, J. F. 12/5/26
Sanderson, W. S. 5/6/26
Fawcus, J. 9/6/26
*Moore, J. S. 18/5/27
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11/4/27

Adjutant.

*Trenam, R., *M.B.E., M.C.*, Capt. North'd. Fus. 5/12/25

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"The Queen's Own Gazette"
"The Bugle"
"The Light Bob Gazette"
"Men of Harlech"
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"The Oak Tree"
"The Red Hackle"
"The Tiger and Sphinx"

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EXTRACT from *The London Gazette*:—

ESTABLISHMENTS.

The following appointment is made:—Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle to be Commanding Officer Army Technical School (Boys) (dated 8th January, 1929).

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Obituary.

Mr. George Bristow

(Late 5th Fusiliers.)

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. George Bristow, who died suddenly of heart failure, at Doncaster, on 14th December, 1928. Bristow enlisted into the FIFTH at Westminster in 1868, and served with them till 1882, when he went to the Militia Staff in Guernsey, where he remained till he took his discharge in 1890, after 22 years' service. He then joined the Corps of Commissionaires and was for some time engaged at the British Museum, but he soon moved to Woolwich, where he acted as time-keeper to Messrs. Siemens, Bros., for 33 years. On the death of his wife three years ago he gave up his work and went to live with his married daughter, Mrs. Bradley. To her and to her sister and to their families we tender our sympathy in the loss they have sustained through the death of so fine an Old Fusilier.

(Photo taken in 1926.

MR. GEORGE BRISTOW.

(LATE 5TH NORTH'D FUSILIERS.)

No. 4257732 Fus. T. M. McTaggart.

We regret to record the death, at Newcastle-upon Tyne, of Fus. T. M. McTaggart. Enlisting in the 3rd Battalion just after the Great War, he remained with that Battalion for about a month prior to being drafted to the 2nd Battalion, with whom he served until he completed his nine years' service with the Colours. Taken ill on the voyage home, he was admitted to the Military Hospital immediately on his arrival at the Depôt. After being dangerously ill for some weeks he was transferred to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, where he died on the 18th January.

He will be well remembered by the 2nd Battalion as one who played football and hockey for his Company and Platoon. He also represented his Company at boxing and athletics. Latterly he was employed as Equipment Repairer and Battalion Ration Clerk in the Quartermaster's Stores. The funeral took place at Elswick on 24th January, 1929, a Firing Party, Bearers and Drummer being found by the Depôt, and a gun carriage by the 21st Field Brigade, Royal Artillery.

There were wreaths from the 2nd Battalion, "A" Company (2nd Battalion), and the Depôt. The Firing Party was commanded by Sjt. Hunter, in whose Platoon Fus. McTaggart had served.

Capt. J. H. Maynard attended the funeral.

To his relatives we respectfully convey Regimental sympathy.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
January, 1929.

THE effects of another Christmas having worn off, the usual winter routine is now in force once more. Only darkness puts a stop to "X" Company's activities in individual training, while the remainder of the Battalion are suitably employed at Leeman Road and the coal yard.

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Officers are suitably entertained each evening by performers from the War Office. The Judge Advocate-General's branch, who are now touring the Provinces, attracted a full house on 24th January, when Major Foster and Captain Buckley played opposite one another in a mock Court-martial.

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Unfortunately the demands of the Editor made the inclusion of an account of the Christmas celebrations in our last number

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impossible. The annual Christmas-tree appeared to give enjoyment to all. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Bull, of the York City Police, an Old Fusilier, whose conjuring performance delighted both old and young. Those dogs who forced their way uninvited into the audience particularly appreciated the unexpected appearance of a rabbit from the entertainer's hat.

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Christmas Day for those of us who were present fully came up to the traditions of a Regimental Christmas. All credit is due to the cooks, to whose efforts much of the day's enjoyment was due.

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Capt. Sutherland and Mr. Macmullen are representing the Regiment in Switzerland. We are sorry to hear that the latter has been laid up with water on the knee since two days after his arrival.

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Capt. Pemberton, who is on leave in York working for the

REGIMENTAL COOKS.

[*Standing*] Fus. Shaw. Fus. Peat.
Fus. Lowley. Sjt. Desmond. Fus. Bainbridge.

Staff College, may occasionally be seen hovering on the horizon.

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We are told by the inhabitants of York, Northumberland and Nottinghamshire, that Mr. Carr-Ellison has returned from leave. His recent appearance in his Company Office lends colour to this rumour.

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Our domestic circle has been enlarged by the return of Major Foster, Capt. Buckley, Mr. Bolster, Mr. Yorke and Mr. Speer. Colonel Garnier, who has just paid a fleeting visit to London, confirms our conjecture that there still is a sun.

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We congratulate Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Crawhall on their engagements, which were announced recently in the *Times*.

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Hunting has been practically stopped by frost and snow.

Football.

On 23rd January we played the fourth round of the Army Cup, against the 2nd Bn. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who brought a hundred and seventy supporters to watch a fast and exciting game on our own ground.

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After the recent thaw the turf was in a greasy and treacherous condition. Weather conditions were, however, perfect.

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The FIFTH scored first through Lce.-Cpl. Scanlon, after about fifteen minutes. A quarter of an hour later the Camerons equalized, following a free kick. Half-time came with the scores still level.

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After weathering a bad ten minutes following the interval, the FIFTH pressed strongly and did everything but score. Play then became very even, the ball travelling rapidly from end to end. Twenty minutes from time someone had the misfortune to handle in the penalty area. In spite of a valiant attempt by Fus. Craig in goal, the resultant kick was successful, and the Camerons became 1 up.

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Play after this was fast and furious, but our opponents' defence held out, and they eventually ran out winners by 2 goals to 1.

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It would be invidious to mention names when each member of the side was so unsparing in his efforts. But Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, without doubt the best player on the field, is worthy of special praise.

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We were unfortunate in being without the services of Cpl. Bell, the captain, but his place was gallantly taken by Lce.-Sjt. Babington.

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We must congratulate the Camerons on winning such a clean and close game.

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The following represented the FIFTH :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Dennison. Fus. Charlton.
Lce.-Sjt. Babington. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Ingham.
Cpl. Rhodes. Fus. Young. Fus. Hughes. Lce.-Cpl. Scanlon.
Fus. Kellet.

Boxing.

We are in the throes of constructing a team to represent the Regiment in the Northern Command Inter-Unit Championship. There are sad gaps left in the ranks of our stalwarts after last drafting season.

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We are due to meet the 2nd Bn. The Green Howards in the first round of this competition on 1st February.

Cross-Country Running.

The photograph printed in this issue is of the Regimental Cooks, who were the runners-up in the Army Cookery Competition, as previously reported.

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Rugby.

We have only played three matches since our last notes.

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Against Harrogate Old Boys, at Harrogate, we fielded what appeared to be a very weak side, especially behind the scrum.

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In the first half neither side scored, but in the second, after re-shuffling the back division, we were more successful. Sjt. Gray, backing up a blind side move, headed two or three opponents and scored in the corner; the kick was unsuccessful. Wheldale then picked up in a forward rush and scored again; the try was unconverted. Mr. Laing then scored in the corner, and the final try came from the forwards, who wheeled the scrum on the line and fell on it in a mass. The forwards were excellent and gave the backs plenty of opportunities.

Score—Fifth Fusiliers, 4 tries (12 pts.); Harrogate Old Boys, nil.

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In our return match against the same team, at York, we lost by 15 pts. to 6 pts. Sjt. Gray opened the scoring with a good try from the half-way line, which was not converted. The Old Boys then scored two unconverted tries. In the second half McDonough picked up as the ball came loose, and swerving beautifully round the full-back scored far out. This try was not converted. Our opponents then got the better of the defence and scored three more unconverted tries, running out winners by 15 pts. to 6.

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Our next game, against Leeds University at Leeds, was something in the nature of a complete rout. It was played on a hard ground with a liberal covering of snow. The forwards never settled down, and the 'Varsity three-quarters penetrated our three-quarter line when and where they liked, and won by 31 to nil.

Serjeants' Mess.

January, 1929.

So many things have happened during this month that it is difficult to really find the correct thing to start with. However, to business first.

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Congratulations to the following members of the Mess on their various promotions and appointments :—

Sjt. West to Colour-Serjeant (C.Q.M.S.), *vice* Reany to Africa.
Lce.-Sjt. Hackett to Serjeant.
Lce.-Sjt. Hutchinson to Serjeant.
Cpls. Obey and Babington to paid Lance-Serjeants.

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At the actual moment of writing these notes some more have come to hand. Therefore more congratulations :—

Lce.-Sjt. Lynch to Serjeant.
Lce.-Sjt. Brown to Serjeant.
Cpl. Bell to paid Lance-Serjeant.

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During the month we have had a visit from some of our members attached to the Territorial Battalions, and also one who left us some considerable time ago.

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To wit—A/C.S.M.'s Locke and Hurt, and the late R.S.M. Crabtree.

Whilst talking of C.S.M. Hurt, it is our great pleasure in being able to congratulate him on his marriage, which took place on the 25th August, 1928.

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Long life and much happiness, Ben.

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The deep sympathy of all members is extended to Sjt. and Mrs. Ross in their recent bereavement, the death of their son, Kenneth Thomas Massey Ross, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 7th January, 1929.

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Sjts. Beatty and Lawless have left us to seek pastures new in the form of the 7th Battalion and the Depôt. Our loss is distinctly their gain.

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Sjt. Meadows has recovered from his illness to the extent that he has been discharged from Hospital. Unfortunately he has also been discharged from the Army, and our best wishes go out to him for a prosperous time.

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We welcome back to the fold, Sjt. and Mrs. Cogan, from the Territorial Staff.

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On 1st January the Ex-Boys played the Rest at football. The teams lined up as follows :—

Boy Rowsell (R.S.M.).
Boy Chislett (Band Sjt.). Boy Hebbron (Drum-Major).
Boy Purcell (C.S.M.) Boy Newton (C.S.M.) Boy Danaford (C.S.M.).
Boy Beatty (Sjt.). Boy Hackett (Sjt.). Boy Huggan (Sjt.).
Boy Carlin (C.S.M.). Boy Windram (B.M.).

v.

Sjt. Mears. Sjt. Desmond. Sjt. Swain. Sjt. Forbes. Sjt. Crawley.
Sjt. Lynch. Sjt. West. Sjt. Harris.
Sjt. Haddow. Sjt. Dennis.
C.S.M. Scott.

Linesmen—Sjt. Hullyer, S Sjt. Brown. *Trainer*—Sjt. Dyke. *Referee*—Sjt. Hobbs.

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The match was very hotly contested from the commencement, and Boy Rowsell was hard put to it to save a hot shot from West. (Boy Rowsell, by the way, was wearing his "Blue.")

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He was then further tested by the fact that the referee awarded "The Rest" a penalty.

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A gallant attempt was made to save this shot, which was taken by Sjt. West, but his gloves were rather loose.

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Sjt. Desmond was then unfortunately injured and had to leave the field.

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The linesman, Sjt. Hullyer, then went into goal for the "Rest," and played a brilliant game.

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Mention must be made of Dixie Dean, in the person of "Bill" of the Boys' team. His skill and technique were wonderful.

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Taking into consideration the fact that no one had played football for a long time, and some not at all, the match was excellent.

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Result.—Ex-Boys 5; Rest 2. (C.S.M. Newton 2, C.S.M. Carlin 1, B.M. Windram 1, Sjt. Hackett 1, Sjt. Lynch 1, Sjt. West 1 (penalty).

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On Friday, the 11th, a Whist Drive and Social was held in the Mess, and was extremely well attended.

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The winners in the Whist Drive were :—

LADIES.	GENTS.
1, Mrs. Tillford.	1, R.S.M. Binnie.
2, Mrs. A. N. Other.	2, Mr. Nixon, Y.W.S.C.
3, Mrs. Dennis.	3, Sjt. Crawley (after a cut).
Booby—Mrs. Carlin.	Booby—Mrs. Rowsell.

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Many thanks are due to the M.C.'s, C.S.M. Buck and Sjt. Mears, for their excellent arrangements.

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I am given to understand that Buck worked on his usual principle.

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Thanks are due also to Mr. Len Heath and his Band for their entertainment, which, as always, was very good.

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Also to Mr. Cavanah and O'Donnel, the Light Comedians.

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Sjt. Mears, to the great delight of those present, again sang that soul-stirring, blood-thrilling and eye-shutting melody, "O Sole Mio." *Sans obligato.*

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The correspondent will now endeavour to be curt and concise.

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The Corporals challenged the Serjeants to a game of hockey.

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They played.

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Disaster.

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On Thursday, 10th January, a billiard match was played against the R.A.M.C., in the Hospital Mess.

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The result was as follows :—

5TH FUSILIERS.		R.A.M.C.	
Sjt. Hullyer	100	Sjt. Ince	62
S.M. Rowsell	100	S.M. Loder	94
Sjt. Hobbs	84	S.M. Hughes	100
Sjt. Hackett	26	S/S.M. McKay	100
C.S.M. Newton	100	Capt. Dobrashian ..	60
Drum-Maj. Hebbron ..	100	Sjt. Campbell	53
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A further match was also played against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoons, at the Cavalry Barracks, on the 18th instant.

The result was as follows :—

5TH FUSILIERS.		5TH I.D.G.	
Sjt. Hobbs	100	S/Q.M.S. Rigden ..	63
Sjt. Hullyer	100	G.S.M. Kelly	57
Sjt. Swain	77	S/S.M. Gough	100
Sjt. Obey	96	Sjt. Slade	100
S.M. Rowsell	100	S.M. Aldridge	42
C.S.M. Newton	100	Sjt. Cutts	96
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In the snooker match which followed the Dragoons had their revenge.

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Apparently the argument as to who was best still went on, and the result was a special flying game of 20 up.

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Readers will notice that in this game the players were representatives of the **Best** Company in the Battalions.

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The 5th Fusiliers won by 5 points, the players being C.S.M. Newton and C.S.M. Bennett.

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The other day a letter was seen in the Mess rack, addressed as follows :— To Buck Wort

(Wart Newt, Sahib).

The envelope contained the following epistle :—

Be werry carefool, Busher.
Dis man plenty wyse won time,
And go four tell.

"Tiddy Muck."
"Tiddy Nanments."

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This epistle should by right occupy a place in our National Museum.

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An enormous sum of money was paid by one member for the privilege of seeing this in the *Gazette*.

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It is obviously the work of our pet, "A Monumental Memento of Muscular Might."

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Still another billiard match has been played, the result of which will appear in the next issue.

"Fagotto."

Corporals' Club.

January, 1929.

We take this opportunity of wishing all readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Owing to no notes appearing last month we will do our best to memorise all happenings, and quote them this.

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The following have just returned from Courses, and we congratulate them on gaining the Certificates stated against their names :—Cpl. Babington (Q.1, at Hythe); Lce.-Cpl. Anderson (Q.2, at Netheravon); Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe (1st Class at the Physical Training School).

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Lce.-Cpls. Buchanan, Townsley and White have left us for a Tour of Duty at the Depôt. We wish them every success.

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The " Fold " welcomes back Cpl. Smart and Lce.-Cpl. Ward who have returned from the Depôt.

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We wish the following N.C.O.'s, who have left us for the Army Reserve, every success in civilian life :—Lce.-Cpls. Isgar, Johnson and Postill.

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Lce.-Cpls. Reid, Taylor, Scanlon, Bean, Dunlop and Pennock have been promoted Corporal, and we heartily congratulate them.

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The Club played the Serjeants at hockey on Boxing Day, and a very enjoyable game ended in a win for us by 8 goals to nil. The Serjeants are in strict training now, so by all accounts we are to be beaten when we meet again.

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The monthly Dances have commenced, and if they have not been successful so far, we hope to make them more so in the near future.

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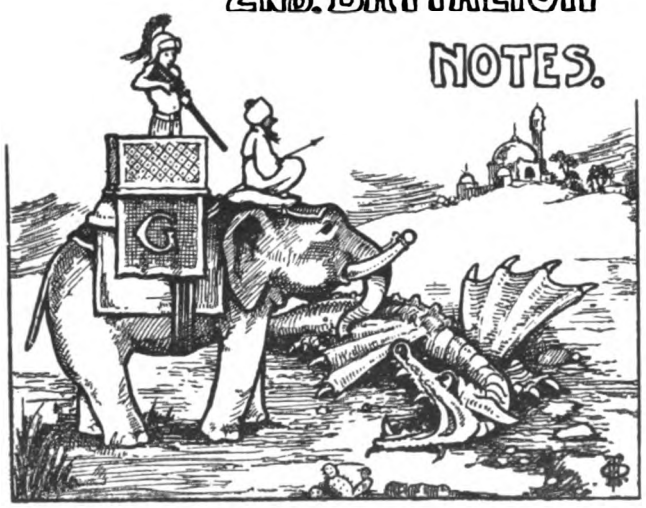
Having settled down in our new quarters, we are commencing our usual billiard handicaps ; and in our next notes the result of the first one will appear.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Lahore,
December, 1928.

NEVER since the Battalion came abroad has Christmas been spent in such an atmosphere of sophisticated gaiety as this. Our Fancy Fairs and home-made Polo Tournaments of Nowshera and Fyzabad days seem like nursery reminiscences, but one would hesitate to say which gave the most genuine pleasure.

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On Christmas Day itself, of course, the old routine, too well known to need description, was followed, but during the period from the 21st December to the 31st December life was, and still is (as we are in the middle of Race Meetings, Polo Tournaments, Horse Shows and Dances), a round of joyous gaiety.

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At the Horse Show we were not able to do anything in the horse line, but the Regimental Transport acquitted itself well

with 2 teams of 3 mules, which secured 1st and 2nd places in their class. The India Platoon Machine Gun mules were 1st, and the Lewis Gun mules 2nd. Subedar Pirthipal Singh, Cpl. Whitlam, and all the Transport men worked hard on the animals and harness, and are to be congratulated on their success.

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In the Hodson's Horse Polo Tournament Challenge Cup, a four chukka tournament, our only representative was Mr. Martin, who played for a team bearing the undistinguished title of " WHAT-NOTS," which lost a good game by the odd goal in the first round.

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Now that we are in a station where polo is really good (Probyn's Horse can put a 23-goal handicap on the field and two lesser sides as well), we are hoping to get Regimental polo going strong again after the slump that was inevitable in Nowshera. A number of ponies are being bought, and there is just a chance that we may be able to put in a side for the Infantry Tournament in February.

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Beside the smaller Tournament at present in progress, the City Punjab Challenge Cup is also being played, and we are having the opportunity of seeing some of the 1st Class Indian Cavalry Regiments setting about each other. We were pleased to see Mr. Hanmer playing for the P.A.V.O. Cavalry, and also have him dining in the Mess again.

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Lahore has a good race course, and the racing fans have been, and are, very busy losing that little which Providence saw fit to give them. There are four days' racing during Christmas Week, so the process has to be carefully spread out. However, the racing is of quite good quality for India, and there are two more days of it in which to re-coup.

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On the 18th, a number of Officers went over to Ferozepore to see the Royal Scots Fusiliers Troop the Colours as part of

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their 250th Anniversary celebrations. A distinguished gathering, including the Commander-in-Chief, was present, and after

THE OFFICERS' MESS LAHORE CANTONMENT.

the ceremony we were entertained to luncheon in their Mess.

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On the 13th, Majors Booth and Critchley-Salmonson, Messrs. Martin, Earle and Surtees dined with Probyn's Horse, a Regiment which we have twice previously had the pleasure of meeting under their old designation of the 12th Bengal Lancers, and later the 11th/12th Cavalry. The first occasion was in Mosul, and the second in Mogufferpore, in 1922, when one of the Squadrons and "C" Company were on Detachment together. The Re-union was celebrated with such goodwill that some of us still carry the scars and bruises on our bodies.

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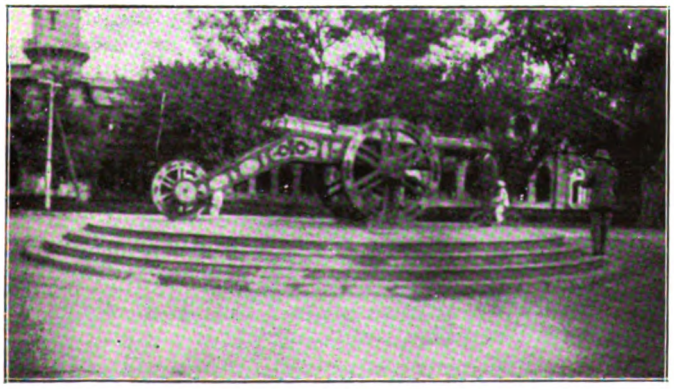
During the month we have played a Regimental match at each of the chief games—Rugger, Soccer and Hockey; we won them all. On the 15th, we played the N.W. Railway at Rugger and beat them 10—0; the first try came from a forward rush, Mr. Bradford taking the ball over and scoring. The forwards kept pressing and got the ball out of the scrum well, but the three-quarters did not make the most of their opportunities.



ZAM ZAMMAH, KIM'S GUN, LAHORE.

The value of making ground forward and of the hand-off were not appreciated; however, early in the second half Rosemurgey got over near the corner flag for our second try. A few minutes later Sjt. Palmer (back) took the opportunity of a drop at goal, which was successful.

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On the 20th we beat the 7th A.C.C. of the Royal Tank Corps at hockey by 2—1. Capt. Cooper scored the first goal, and the second was a lucky one from a mis-hit by the opposing goalkeeper. Unfortunately, Capt. Cooper was injured halfway through the game, and had to retire, otherwise the score might have been more decisive.

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On the 22nd we played the Islamia College at football, and beat them 8—0 after a very one-sided game. We are hoping that our strong beginning at games will be continued when the big tournaments come along later in the cold weather. We are well placed in Lahore from the point of view of getting at tournaments, and we are very fortunate in having good and numerous grounds of our own.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks
Newcastle-on-Tyne
January, 1929.

Depôt Retrospect 1929.

WE are fully aware that it is customary for the Editor of *St. George's Gazette* to enlist the services of some suitable person for the purpose of writing a Retrospect of the Regiment's activities during the past year. It is by no means our intention to trespass upon the preserves of this writer, but we believe that as there are so many people who take such an interest in the Depôt it will not be altogether out of place if we review the activities of the Depôt during 1928, from a purely local standpoint. We will endeavour to be brief and to confine ourselves strictly to facts.

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Training.—Apart from one or two innovations, this subject requires little comment. The Training Company's Training Programme has been revised. The duties of the Musketry Officer, hitherto carried out by the Training Company Subaltern, are now carried out by the Officer-in-charge Training Cadre, thus saving much duplication of work. Owing to the fact that the one and only Garrison lorry has departed hence, we are now exercising all Squads on the 30 yards Range during the winter months. The 30 yards Range is as bad as ever, and as yet there are no signs of either a new 30 yards Range or a Gas Chamber materialising.

As both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment look upon the Depôt as being a "training ground" for N.C.O.'s posted to the Depôt, it is satisfactory to note that 3 N.C.O.'s have qualified at the Small Arms School (Hythe Wing) during this year, and also that 8 N.C.O.'s have attended Guards Drill Courses. Many of the N.C.O.'s of the 1st Battalion now at the Depôt are either fully or partially qualified for promotion, and every encouragement is given them to study for their Special and 1st Class Certificates of Education. Whereas fully realising the enormous difficulties confronting Battalions in selecting suitable personnel for posting to the Depôt Staff, it is to be hoped they in turn will appreciate our efforts to improve the material placed at our disposal.

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The Barracks.—The entire exterior of the Barracks have been re-decorated, as have also the larger part of the interior of the Barracks. A " brighter barracks " movement has been instituted. Our progress is slow because of financial reasons, but the majority of the barrack rooms have now a complete set of pictures, and the Garrison School has been greatly improved in this respect. The latter, it should be mentioned, has, at long last, been converted into two rooms, thus facilitating the education of different classes, previously always a difficult proposition when only one room was available. Certain structural alterations are now taking place in the Institutes and Serjeants' Mess. The latter has been re-furnished. The Officers' Mess have purchased a complete set of delf with the crests of the two Regimental Depôts, and the silver has been overhauled and repaired.

A Garrison Squash Court is nearing completion. The Garrison drainage scheme has been completed, and much has been done to tidy up the area surrounding the grounds, which was previously little more than a rubbish heap.

A plantation has been planted by the Pavilion.

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Sports and Games.—In so far as *Association Football* is concerned, the season 1927/1928 was a successful one for the Depôt. We were defeated in the Final of the Mid-Week Cup by Newcastle Wednesday (2 goals to 1), the team receiving gold medals. We also tied for third place in the Tyneside Wednesday League with our old friends the 68th. We will refrain from commenting on the 1927/1928 season. Our *Athletics* have been confined to the usual Annual Meeting, which on this occasion took place in September. Interest in *Boxing* continues. The Inter-Squad Boxing Competitions, followed by the Inter-Depôt (5th/68th) Boxing Competitions, are still held quarterly, and although we have been defeated on the last three occasions by the 68th, the standard of boxing throughout has been comparatively high and our defeats have been honourable ones. The interest in *Cross Country Running* has waned. This is much to be deplored, but it is to be hoped that the various difficulties which at present present themselves will be overcome in due course.

Cricket was played regularly throughout the summer months. *Hockey* has also been played. More hockey would have been played if it were not for the fact that the Infantry Barrack Square is the only ground available, and is consequently much in demand by all Units of the Garrison, quite apart from the fact that the 68th require it for afternoon parades (our own recruits being at School). The year saw the birth of *Rugby*. Now that the 1st Battalion have taken up the game seriously we hope to build up a side at the Depôt in the near future. Some talent amongst the recruits has also been revealed. All *Swimming* has had to be abandoned owing to a much-depleted Training Grant, but in 1929 we hope to test all recruits as to their powers of swimming, so that the 1st Battalion may be informed as to their capabilities, or otherwise.

To sum up, the facilities for members of the Depôt Staff to play games are good, but the facilities for recruits leave much to be desired. The difficulties confronting us with regard to improving the facilities for recruits to play games appear, at any rate for the moment, insuperable. Briefly, the chief difficulties are as follows :—There are only two " soccer " grounds and one hockey ground. There are nine " soccer " teams in the Garrison and two " rugger " teams, all clamouring for grounds. The weekly half-holiday is on Wednesdays. The grounds are then used by Units for the Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League, Mid-Week Cup, and Garrison League fixtures. (Quite naturally only a very small number of recruits take part in these.) Recruits cannot play on other days because of parades. (They have a very full time at the Depôt.) There is also the difficulty of re-arranging their Training Programme, because in the mornings we use the Garrison Gymnasium and the 68th use the Garrison School, and *vice versa* in the afternoons. It is essential that recruits should not miss P.T. or Education. If recruits were to have a half-holiday on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays, there would be no one to train them on Wednesdays, as the majority of N.C.O.'s would be playing football for the Depôt. Unless drastic cuts are made in the Training Programme there appears to be no solution.

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Museum.—The Regimental Serjeant-Major's Office (which is situated next door to the Orderly Room) has been converted into a Museum. Several letters have been received from past Officers of the Regiment expressing their approval of the birth of this long-felt want.

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The Territorial Army.—We believe, and we certainly earnestly hope, that the liaison between the Depôt and Territorial Units (and we by no means only refer to the four Battalions of the 149th Infantry Brigade) have not only been maintained, but have been materially strengthened during the year that is just past. We are also pleased to be able to report that friendly relations with the Durham University O.T.C. (Senior Division) and the Royal Grammar School (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) O.T.C. (Junior Division) continues. During the year many Territorials of all ranks attended Courses of Instruction at the Depôt, and our Training Cadre also visited the Annual Camp of the 149th Infantry Brigade and the O.T.C. (Junior Division) Camp at Strensall.

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Social.—The Depôt, since its first institution as a place for the training of recruits, can claim to be the " Father " of the Regiment. For some years now it has also been the " Mother " of the Regiment, by reason of its interest in the activities of the Regimental Aid Society. The year 1928 saw the most successful (at any rate financially) Aid Society Ball yet held. It is gratifying to note that by sponsoring the formation of The Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, it has now become the " Grandfather " of the Regiment. We look forward to the day when it will be possible to admit wives of members to the Association, thus providing the Depôt with " Grand-daughters."

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In concluding this Retrospect we wish our readers every success in the New Year, and hope that as many as possible will visit the Depôt in 1929. They can be assured of a warm welcome. Finally, we offer our sincere thanks to the Editor of the *St. George's Gazette* for his never-failing help with regard to Depôt Aid Society and O.C.A. Notes.

No. 4256748 R.S.M. G. H. Groves.

On 21st January, after serving 24 years in the Regiment, 14 of these years as a Warrant Officer, No. 4256748 Regimental Serjeant-Major G. H. Groves said good-bye to the Regiment and the Army, on going to pension. To mark the departure of a Warrant Officer who had served in the Regiment so long,

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he was given an enthusiastic send-off by members of the Regiment in Barracks.

Serjeant-Major Groves was a Nottingham man, and ever since the strike in the lace trade, in 1888, when many men enlisted from that part of the country, Nottingham has sent many good men to the FIFTH, and Groves was one of them. During his 24 years' service with the FIFTH, Serjeant-Major Groves has served with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Battalion (Regular Battalion now disbanded), and the Regimental Depôt. Joining the 4th Battalion of the FIFTH at Limerick in 1905, he was transferred on the disbandment of that Battalion to the 2nd Battalion, serving with that Unit at Aldershot, Dover,

Photo] *[E. W. Gosman.*

R.S.M. G. H. GROVES.

Sheffield, and in India. During his early days with the 2nd Battalion he was one of the mainstays of the Battalion football team, playing centre-half for several seasons, and in 1912 was in the team that reached the semi-final of the English Amateur Cup; whilst in one season, 1908, the Battalion reached the 5th round of the Army Association Football Cup. On returning from India, in 1914, Groves was selected as an Instructor to the newly-formed Kitchener Battalions, being for a period Serjeant-Major Instructor at Brockdon Camp, and proceeding later overseas with the 1st/4th Yorkshire Regiment, was afterwards transferred to the 39th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. During the last eight years he has served at the Regimental Depôt, and many hundreds of recruits have passed through his hands, not only in his capacity as a very capable Instructor in the Training Cadre, formed under the Maxse Scheme, but later on as Regimental Serjeant-Major. A Regimental Serjeant-Major must be a man of ripe experience, combining discipline and the highest sense of duty with a very real love for the Regiment. Serjeant-Major Groves has been such, and has set a high example during his service to all young soldiers both at work and at play. Many a young Non-Commissioned Officer and recruit will remember the advice, help and encouragement they have received at his hands, to many of whom he has acted at time in *loco parentis*. They will also have learnt from him the inherent pride in the Regiment which every Fusilier should have, for Groves was a Warrant Officer in every sense of the word, and a Fusilier to his finger tips. A keen supporter and follower of all games and sports, he has rendered valuable assistance in Depôt games and has been untiring in his efforts in improving the Garrison Recreation Ground. He rarely missed a football match in which a Depôt team was playing, and his stentorian tones of encouragement on the touch line will be greatly missed. On leaving the Regiment he takes with him the good wishes of all ranks, and we trust the Regiment will see something of him in the future, also that he will have a happy and successful career in civil life.

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The entire Depôt (with half-a-dozen exceptions), having enjoyed Christmas and New Year leave for the period 22nd December to 2nd January, there is little to be recorded this month.

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We were pleased to receive visits during the last month from the following:—Mr. W. N. C. Crawhall, Mr. J. Kirby (1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry), Capt. Radcliffe (who served in the Regiment during the Great War), Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam (Comdg. 149th Infantry Brigade T.A.), the Adjutants of the four Territorial Battalions, Mr. G. C. Humphreys (2nd Battalion), Capt. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (who has just completed his tour as G.S.O. 2, Northumbrian Area), Major-General Sir Percy O. Hambro (Comdg. 46th (North Midland) Division), Major R. P. A. Helps (Comdg. R.C.O.S. Depôt (Dismounted Wing), Catterick, Bt.-Lt.-Colonel L. K. H. Finch (D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Northumbrian Area), and Lt.-Col. W. F. Tynedale (A.D. of H. Northern Command).

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We congratulate Lt.-Col. S. Whan, M.B.E. (C.R.O. Northumbrian Zone), on his promotion to that rank.

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During the past three weeks the following personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade T.A. have attended Courses at the Depôt:—Lewis Gun Courses 58, Machine Gun Courses 33, Cooks Courses 4—Total 95. The Instructors for the Machine Gun Course were provided by the 1st Battalion.

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Mr. B. T. G. Pringle left us on the 7th January to take up an appointment at the Army Technical School (Boys), Chepstow. His tour of duty at the Depôt was therefore curtailed by some three months. We shall particularly miss him in the Games Department of the Depôt, as he always took a keen interest in all games, especially in hockey, rugby, boxing, and cricket.

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We understand that he is likely to be kept busy, as although he is Assistant Adjutant, his work is similar to that of the Officer i/c Administration at an Infantry Depôt (Capt. Braddell is now resting in Switzerland). We wish Mr. Pringle the best of luck, and hope that he will visit us when he is home on leave next. He is to be relieved by Mr. Collingwood of the 2nd Battalion.

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The 50th (Northumbrian) Division, T.A., Team amd Individual Boxing Championships took place at St. George's Drill Hall on the 17th, 18th and 19th January, there being four sessions in all. The Depôt, in giving their assistance, were represented as follows :—Capt. J. H. Maynard (*Judge*), Mr. C. W. Holdsworth Hunt (*Time-keeper*), C.Q.M.S. Lewis (*Recorder*), Cpl. Turnbull and Lce.-Cpl. Gray (*Seconds*). We congratulate the 6th Battalion on their victory, and look forward to the forthcoming contest between them and the 1st Battalion.

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Sjt. Lawless, Lce.-Cpl. White, Lce.-Cpl. Townsley, and Fus. E. Bond have arrived at the Depôt for a Tour of Duty from the 1st Battalion.

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We congratulate Cpl. Madgin on obtaining a "Q. 1" at Hythe, and the following on obtaining their 2nd Class Certificates of Education :—

*4266597 Fus. R. C. Crowdy	4266009 Fus. J. Elliot
4266566 Fus. S. Irving	*4266587 Fus. R. H. Metherell
4264183 Fus. S. Hood	4266552 Fus. M. Kelly
4265597 Fus. J. Wood	4263409 Fus. S. T. Blaycock

* Distinguished.

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The following were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 5th December, 1928 :—

4266570 Fus. J. Gibson	4266584 Fus. J. Gelles
4266571 Fus. E. J. Patterson	4266567 Fus. G. Taylor
4266612 Fus. W. Webb	4266610 Fus. W. Clark
4266613 Fus. R. Flemming	426616 Fus. G. Dickenson
4266615 Fus. S. Keeble	4266619 Fus. D. Coleman
4266620 Fus. H. Sharp	4266593 Fus. N. Horlock
4266591 Fus. M. Brown	4266596 Fus. A. Nicholson
4266602 Fus. E. Wheeler	4266699 Fus. J. Phillips
4266603 Fus. J. Casbolt	4266607 Fus. W. Stenham
4266605 Fus. G. Taylor	4266608 Fus. G. Marsland
4266611 Fus. L. Jamieson	4265244 Fus. J. Newton
4266627 Fus. G. Taylor	4266300 Fus. R. Wilson
4261629 Fus. W. Rogers	266624 Fus. W. Richardson
4266630 Fus. J. Ryan	4265322 Fus. J. Lowther
4266651 Fus. B. Manning	4266640 Fus. J. Hartley
4266644 Fus. J. Sinclair	4266628 Fus. M. Bonner
4266636 Fus. L. Redford	4266645 Fus. P. Smith
4266646 Fus. E. Musgrove	4266531 Fus. A. Gofton

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Practically everyone at the Depôt has now been inoculated against Influenza. It is to be hoped that the epidemic now raging in America, on the Continent, and in Glasgow will not reach us.

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Lce.-Sjt. Graham is now attending a long qualifying Course at the Small Arms School (Hythe Wing).

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January Squad (strength 30) commenced their training on 21st January, 1929.

August Squad (Sjt. Chapman ; strength 26) were drafted to the 1st Battalion at York on 25/1/29. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench conducted the draft. By the time that these notes appear in print, February Squad will have been formed. This will complete our quota of recruits for the Recruiting Year ending 31/3/29.

Association Football.

Tyneside Wednesday League. Played 3/1/29. Depôt *v.* Depôt 08th. Lost by 4 goals to 1.

Fus. Sanderson.
Dmr. Stockton. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Dmr. McCartney. Lce.-Sjt. Graham. Lce.-Cpl. Gray.
Fus. Cuthbert. Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain. Sjt. Cross.

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Mid-Week Cup. Played 16/1/29. At Gosforth. Depôt *v.* Gosforth. Lost by 6 goals to 3.

Fus. Sanderson.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Dmr. Stockton.
Lce.-Sjt. Graham. Cpl. Taylor. Lce.-Cpl. Gray.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Sjt. Cross. Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Jarmain. Fus. Ellison.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

January, 1929.

THE individual Training Season of a new and in some respects momentous year has opened. The problem before us is the formation of a Machine Gun Company by 1st April, 1930, and for those who know the workings of the T.A. it is evident that we have none too much time in which to effect this change.

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"W" Company has been selected for the eventual M.G. Company, and has embarked on the early stages of its metamorphosis with commendable enthusiasm.

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The Senior N.C.O.'s have already attended a Beginners' Course in the Vickers Gun at the Depôt, and a further Course is in prospect next month.

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In addition, a number of embryo Machine Gunners are under instruction in the Drill Hall at Newburn, under the present M.G. Platoon.

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The Depôt, who always take the greatest interest in the training of T.A. Battalions of the Regiment are doing more than ever this year to assist us, and besides the M.G. Class already referred to, about fifty members of the Battalion have undergone Courses in the Lewis Gun and for Section Leaders.

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The best recommendation for these Courses is the keenness shown by N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion to attend them,

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T.A. Football Championship.

50TH DIVISIONAL FINALS.

The final of this competition in the Divisional Stage was played at Whitburn on Saturday, 26th January, and resulted in a win for the 7th Bn. Durban Light Infantry by 3 goals to 2.

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We were unfortunate in being without the services of three of our best players, who were playing for their teams in a minor Cup-tie and could not get away to play for us.

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The D.L.I. scored straight away from the kick-off, and for some minutes it looked as if they were about to add a second.

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Our team soon settled down, however, and after pressing for some time succeeded in equalising. Shortly before half-time we secured the lead with a second goal.

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On the resumption of play, the 7th D.L.I. scored a second goal within a minute of starting, and shortly after this our inside left, Fus. Gray, was incapacitated, considerably diminishing our scoring power. The D.L.I. continued to press for some time, and but for the brilliant play of our goalkeeper, Fus. Frazer, might have scored several times.

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About ten minutes before the end, the D.L.I. scored a third goal, and things began to look black for us.

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The next ten minutes were the most exciting of the match, as our team, making a supreme effort, nearly succeeded in equalising on three occasions. All our efforts were, however, unavailing, and the end came with the score unchanged.

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It was a good hard sporting game, and we wish the victors the best of luck in the succeeding stages of the competition.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
January, 1929.

THE Drill Hall has from time to time during the past two months been occupied by other forces than the Battalion, but during the absence of H.M. Post Officials, Proprietors of Dog Shows, Folk Dancers, and other essential commodities, full use has been made of our sorties.

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The Miniature Shooting Contest has been continued practically without interruption, and at the moment "C" Company appear invincible. This is very encouraging for their Commander, who is at present, we believe, a two-gun man in Texas.

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Christmas and New Year festivities were somewhat cramped owing to hostile invasions of our premises, but our Serjeants held their Annual Shoot in the Miniature Range on New Year's Day. The attendance was not as good as in past years, and we hope in future all who possibly can will make a point of being present, not only at this contest, but also at the Serjeants' Annual Dinner. This latter event was held at the Crown Hotel on Saturday, the 12th January, and was well attended by members of the Serjeants' Mess, although bad times in many instances were responsible for conspicuous absentees among our serving ranks. R.S.M. O'Hara presided with his usual skill, but failed for once to obtain implicit obedience from one of the Company Commanders.

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Our Brigade Commander and the Lord Mayor were both unavoidable absentees, but the Officers' Mess was present in full force with Col. Pinkney, Col, Anderson, Col. R. Stephenson, and Major W. E. Stephenson.

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We again take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Serjeants' Mess for their generous entertainment, particularly this year for inviting all our serving Officers. The Dinner was a great success in every way, the music provided being especially appreciated.

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On the 12th and 13th December, Mr. G. L. A. France and his friends provided the best Variety Entertainment that has yet been presented at our Drill Hall. The performance was very much appreciated by the members of the Battalion, who took advantage of the free night, and it was most satisfactory for all concerned to find the Recreation Room well filled on both occasions. We are especially grateful to our friends outside the Battalion who worked so hard to produce such an excellent result. At the same time we would like to tender our best congratulations and good wishes to Mr. France . . . and his fiancée, Miss Harley Jones, who assisted so ably in the performance.

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The following were the performers:—Miss Rita Brunstrom, Miss Harley Jones, Miss Marjorie France; Messrs. McLaren, Dotchin and Kay, with Mr. France, Mr. Angus, Mr. Pearey and Mr. Field.

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R.S.M. O'Hara, whose songs are always greatly appreciated by the Battalion, and whose help is always forthcoming, was also one of the Company.

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The usual Christmas Tea and Treat for the wives and children of the Other Ranks of the Battalion was held on the 29th December, and was exceedingly well patronised. In fact, the crowds exceeded all expectations, and rather interfered with the catering, at all events so far as presents for the elder boys were concerned. We feel that we owe a certain amount of apology to the parents of those boys who were disappointed, but it was exceedingly difficult to find a way of correctly ascertaining the number that would be there.

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Next year we hope to make arrangements which will be completely tear-proof, but it is, however, only fair to ourselves to say that the money for this entertainment was collected from a few ex-Officers and friends of the Battalion, with a certain amount of assistance from present serving Officers, so that the fare and presents provided depended a great deal on the amount obtained.

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We are very grateful for all the financial assistance received which came from various parts of the country.

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The real hard work put in by the Quartermaster and the R.S.M. deserves all praise, for their task was an exceedingly

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arduous one and entailed a great deal of tact and strength of mind.

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Mr. W. A. Crosse, our Bandmaster, and his Band placed themselves at the disposal of the Committee, and to them also we are most grateful.

Boxing.

We were sorry not to see the 1st Battalion in our Drill Hall, but as it happened they were unable to send a team on the appointed day. We still live in hope of an Inter-Battalion Contest.

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The Drill Hall, in its spare moments, has been devoted extensively to Boxing, and we give in another place the results of our Eliminating Contests which were held on the 15th December, and the Divisional Boxing Competitions which were also held in our Drill Hall this year, on the 17th, 18th and 19th January. On the whole, we may congratulate ourselves on a very hearty exhibition, and the fact that we retained the Divisional Boxing Cup shows that a great interest has been taken in the Sport and a good deal of hard training and organisation has been undertaken. The 9th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry were the runners-up for the Boxing Cup, and we congratulate them on their efforts. It remains to be seen who are selected to appear in London at the various weights, but we feel reasonably confident of providing a fair muster in the Inter-Divisional Boxing Contests in March.

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The Divisional Contest was well patronised each night, but one would have liked to have seen some arrangement for allowing serving Territorials to see the fighting at half-price. The minimum ticket of 1s. is rather too much in this Area and in these times.

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While some of the competitors were more or less beginners in the Boxing world, there was never at any time the sign of anyone failing to go as long as he could, and congratulations are due to numerous plucky losers, some of whom were fortunate and some unfortunate in being knocked out.

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The Divisional Staff were responsible for the arrangements, but the assistance of our Adjutant with Mr. Shield ensured the success of the organisation—a difficult task with so many entries from all over the two Counties.

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A large number of Battalion friends were present, the events proving exceedingly popular.

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Our Divisional Commander, Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., presented the prizes on the Saturday, and we have every hope this year with the increased assistance from the other Brigades we shall be able to present him with the Inter-Divisional Cup.

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Results of the Eliminating Boxing Tournament for the 50th Divisional Championship, held at St. George's Drill Hall on 15th December, 1928, were as follows :—

Fly-Weight.—Fus. Lonergan beat Fus. Harris. Fus. Gullon beat Fus. McGarrigle. *Final.*—Fus. Gullon beat Fus. Lonergan.

Bantam-Weight.—Fus. Kay, walk over.

Feather-Weight.—Fus. Gordon beat Fus. McKinley. Fus. Morning, bye. *Final.*—Fus. Gordon beat Fus. Morning.

Light-Weight.—Fus. Patrick beat Fus. Beresford. Fus. Mulligan beat Fus. Bone. *Final.*—Fus. Mulligan beat Fus. Patrick.

Welter-Weight.—Fus. Richardson beat Fus. Higgins. Fus. Bell, bye. *Final.*—Fus. Bell beat Fus. Richardson.

Middle-Weight.—Fus. Johnson beat Fus. Hugh.

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UNIT TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Fly-Weight.

1st Round.—Pte. Savage (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Tait (9th D.L.I.). Pte. Bake (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Cullen (9th D.L.I.). Fus. Gullon (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Purvis (5th N. Fus.). Fus. Lonergan (6th N. Fus.), a bye.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Lonergan (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Savage (6th D.L.I.). Fus. Gullon (6th N. Fus.), walk over. Pte. Bake (6th D.L.I.), unfit.

Final.—Fus. Gullon (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Lonergan (6th N. Fus.).

Bantam-Weight.

1st Round.—Pte. Ross (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. O'Neill (9th D.L.I.). Pte. Gracie (5th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Kay (6th N. Fus.). Pte. Bannon (R.A.M.C.), bye. Pte. Rowland (9th D.L.I.), bye.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Ross (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Gracie (5th D.L.I.). Pte. Rowland (9th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Bannon (R.A.M.C.).

Final.—Pte. Ross (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Rowland (9th D.L.I.).

Feather-Weight.

1st Round.—Pte. McLoughlin (5th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Lowe (9th D.L.I.). Fus. Mulligan (6th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. Taylor (6th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Mitcheson (7th N. Fus.). Pte. Hall (9th D.L.I.), bye. Fus. Spare (7th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. Gordon (6th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Whaley (5th D.L.I.). Pte. Barker (R.A.M.C.), bye.

2nd Round.—Fus. Mulligan (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. McLoughlin (5th D.L.I.). Pte. Hall (9th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Taylor (6th D.L.I.). Fus. Gordon (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Spare (7th N. Fus.). Pte. Barrett (9th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Barker (R.A.M.C.).

Semi-Final.—Fus. Mulligan (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Hall (9th D.L.I.). Fus. Gordon (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Barrett (9th D.L.I.).

Final.—Fus. Mulligan (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Gordon (6th N. Fus.).

Light-Weight.

1st Round.—Fus. McCarthy (7th N. Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Sanderson (5th D.L.I.). Pte. Cox (5th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Spowart (7th N. Fus.). Fus. Timney (5th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. Robson (6th D.L.I.), bye. Fus. Beresford (6th N. Fus.), bye. Lce.-Cpl. Armstrong (6th N. Fus.), bye. Fus. Fawcett (6th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. J. McEvilly (9th D.L.I.), bye.

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2nd Round.—Fus. Timney (5th N. Fus.) beat Fus. McCarthy (7th N. Fus.). Fus. Beresford (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Robson (6th D.L.I.). Pte. Cox (5th D.L.I.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Armstrong (6th N. Fus.). Pte. McEvilly (9th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Fawcett (6th N. Fus.).

Semi-Final.—Fus. Beresford (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Timney (5th N. Fus.). Pte. Cox (5th D.L.I.) beat Pte. McEvilly (9th D.L.I.).

Final.—Pte. Cox (5th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Beresford (6th N. Fus.).

Welter-Weight.

1st Round.—Fus. Jackson (7th N. Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. McEvilly (9th D.L.I.). Pte. Steel (6th D.L.I.), bye. Fus. Bell (6th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. Gray (9th D.L.I.), bye. Sjt. Hartford (5th N. Fus.), bye. Fus. Larkin (5th N. Fus.), bye. Pte. Birch (5th D.L.I.), bye. Fus. Patrick (6th N. Fus.), bye.

2nd Round.—Fus. Bell (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Steel (6th D.L.I.). Pte. Gray (9th D.L.I.) beat Sjt. Hartford (5th N. Fus.). Fus. Jackson (7th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Larkin (5th N. Fus.). Fus. Patrick (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Birch (5th D.L.I.).

Semi-Final.—Fus. Bell (6th N. Fus.) beat Pte. Gray (9th D.L.I.). Fus. Patrick (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Jackson (7th N. Fus.).

Final.—Fus. Bell (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Patrick (6th N. Fus.).

Middle-Weight.

1st Round.—Pte. Saul (9th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Hugh (6th N. Fus.). Pte. Briggs (9th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Lawson (8th D.L.I.). Fus. Richardson (6th N. Fus.) beat Fus. Lowes (5th N. Fus.). Sjt. Welsh (6th N. Fus.), bye.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Saul (9th D.L.I.) beat Sjt. Welsh (6th N. Fus.). Pte. Briggs (9th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Richardson (6th N. Fus.).

Final.—Pte. Saul (9th D.L.I.) beat Pte. Briggs (9th D.L.I.).

Light Heavy-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Pte. Lancaster (6th D.L.I.) beat Fus. Higgins (6th N. Fus.). C.Q.M.S. Harding (6th N. Fus.), bye.

Final.—Pte. Lancaster (6th D.L.I.) beat C.Q.M.S. Harding (6th N. Fus.).

Heavy-Weight.

Fus. Johnson (6th N. Fus.), walk over.

Officers.

Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C. (6th N. Fus.) beat 2nd-Lieut. R. Potter (6th N. Fus.).

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The 50th Divisional Cup was retained by the 6th Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers.

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Points.—

6th N. Fusiliers ..	62	9th D.L.I.	38
6th D.L.I.	25	5th D.L.I.	19
7th N. Fus	12	5th N. Fus.	10

Serjeants' Mess New Year Shoot.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

	Score.
R.Q.M.S. J. Boyd	75
C.Q.M.S. L. Nockles	74
R.S.M. J. O'Hara	73
Ex/Col.-Sjt. F. Cable	72
Sjt. McAnally	71
Sjt. Bowman	71
C.S.M. W. Robinson	70
Ex/C.S.M. J. Fitzpatrick	70
C.S.M. A. Hoggins	69
Ex/C.S.M. W. Sharp	69
C.S.M. W. Hallion	69
C.S.M. W. Chisholm	69
Sjt. J. Dagleish	69

Lieut.-Col. A. C. Kayll, V.D.

We much regret to record the death, on the 10th of January, at his residence in Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Charles Kayll, V.D., at the age of 72 years.

Colonel Kayll made his acquaintance with the Regiment during the war, being appointed to the command of the 3rd Line of the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers in December, 1914, although his original service was as a Gunner with the 1st Newcastle-upon-Tyne Volunteer Artillery, in which he became a Major in 1898. During the time of the war, several thousand Fusiliers passed through his hands, and a great many Officers of the 6th Battalion, and others who passed on to different Regiments. Though starting rather late in life to learn a new branch of warfare, Colonel Kayll proved himself an adept at acquiring knowledge, and by his tact and energy obtained a very high standard in his Battalion. He was universally popular, and his many friends will read of his death with real sorrow.

After the amalgamation of the Reserve Lines of the Territorial Fusiliers, Colonel Kayll eventually went out to France, and became Area-Commander of the Locre District. He had a very strenuous time here, particularly during the German on-rush in March and April, 1918, and was, we believe, the last of the British Officers to leave Locre.

Our Battalion desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Kayll and her two daughters.

7th Battalion.

Alnwick,

26th January, 1929.

JANUARY finds the 7th Battalion stirring in its sleep and taking a grip of its faculties. Drill Halls now are busy on two or more nights in every week, and the atmosphere generally is becoming more lively.

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At Alnwick, on the 4th January, the Detachment assembled in the Drill Hall for dinner, and a very cheery evening indeed resulted. There were only two absentees of any rank, and the good things provided to nourish the inner man, and the speeches and music, and the bucking generally, soon warmed all hearts and brightened all eyes. A very happy affair indeed, that has done a great deal to knit us all more closely together.

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Following on the dinner came dancing, until 2 a.m., and upwards of 300 of our friends crowded the Hall, which had been tastefully decorated by S.M. Dipper and his helpers. The invitations had been carefully regulated to bring to the Hall chiefly men of recruitable age and of the right class, and these with their very attractive partners made the gathering a memorable one.

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Dances were held last night (25th January) also at Amble, Ashington and Chatton. Detailed reports of their doings are not yet to hand.

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Our recruiting efforts have met with some success. Since the campaign opened at Christmas we have raised 46 recruits all told, mostly at Alnwick and Ashington. But the steady drain on our strength goes on. Men leave almost daily on account of emigration, transfer to other areas in search of work, and in many cases (and this we don't mind) by enlistment into the Regular Army. This Battalion turns over at least one-third of its strength yearly.

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Therefore the recruiting effort must be continued intensively and without relaxing. Our strength to-day is 516, as against 494 last month, and we have left the 500 mark behind, we hope for ever. But we require full strength for camp this year, and the youth of Berwick, Amble and Morpeth particularly is required in greater numbers.

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Section Leading Classes are running now in all Drill Halls, and are being well attended. We look to these classes to set the standard in turn-out and soldierly bearing in readiness for the commencement of compulsory drills on 1st April.

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Classes in Vickers Gun work at Berwick and Signalling at Morpeth have also started, and are doing well.

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The Depôt and 1st Battalion are helping us to prepare for the formation of our new M.G. Company next year. During January 8 N.C.O.'s attended a week's Course in elementary M.G. work, and 8 more and the Company Commander go in February. These courses are of great value, as they pack as many hours of training into six days at the Depôt as we could cover in six months in local Drill Halls. Depôt Courses, too, give continuity of instruction, and give it in the right atmosphere of disciplined barrack life. We much appreciate this Regular Army help.

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The season of Miniature Range Competitions is on us, and the coming week sees the shooting-off for the Northumberland Rifle Association trophies. We fancy we have a hot team or two entered and every Company is putting up a show.

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Present strength—20 Officers, 516 Other Ranks.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

January, 1929.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. Price 10/- each.

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The accompanying reproduction of a photograph of the late

THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL T. D. PILCHER.

General Pilcher should have appeared in our last number, with his Obituary Notice. Unfortunately, however, we did not receive it in time to get a block made for that number,

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Subscriptions due in February :—

Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O.
Capt. G. E. Bell
S.M. McKim
Capt. A. E. B. Plummer
Mrs. Williams

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker
Mrs. Arkwright
Capt. C. R. L. English

Letter to the Editor.

Regimental Museum.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

The Depot
The Northumberland Fusiliers,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

23rd January, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

Though the idea of a Regimental Museum at the Depôt has, it is understood, been mooted for several years, it has now taken practical shape and a Regimental Museum at the Depôt has been started.

To those who knew the Depôt, the room selected is the room next but one to the Commanding Officer's Orderly Room, and this room has now been suitably painted and decorated for the purpose.

All that is now required are funds and the presentation of any objects of interest to the Regiment.

At present I have a series of 12 Water Colours depicting the dress of the Regiment at various periods, and also a collection of 58 painted wooden figures depicting dresses of various ranks covering every period of dress since 1685. These figures have been painted by a very clever artist, and are historically correct in every detail. A collection of medals has also been started, and I have received interesting exhibits connected with the Great War.

Several other Depôts have got Museums, some of which are very good, and I think it will be agreed that the FIFTH should not be behind in this respect.

At present the Museum has no funds—in fact it is in debt. I want to collect £100 for the Museum, and with this end in view I am circularising some 200 past and present Officers of the Regiment asking if they could be so kind as to send me a small donation. Needless to say, the presentation of any exhibit of interest to the Regiment will be greatly appreciated.

May I ask those who feel disposed to send a donation to start a Museum Fund to send the donation to

The Officer Commanding,
The Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers,
Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

J. F. CHENEVIX-TRENCH, Major,
Comdg. Depôt, The North'd. Fusiliers.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

General Meeting.

A GENERAL Meeting was held in St. George's Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 9th January. Thanks to the efforts of Capt. T. Bennett, M.C., and Mr. W. G. Ouzman (6th Battalion), and also to the early arrival (6.30 p.m.) of the Officials and Committee of the Association, adequate arrangements were made for this memorable meeting. At 8.45 p.m. a Committee Meeting was held to make the final arrangements for the visit of the Vice-President, Capt. Arthur W. Lambert, M.C. (Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne). At 8 p.m. the Acting Honorary Treasurer (Mr. C. W. Holdsworth Hunt) gave a resumé of the activities of the Association since the last meeting. Included in his remarks were the following announcements :—

That the Association would be three months old to-morrow (10/1/29).

That a donation of £7 had been received from the 2nd Battalion.

That Association Badges would be presented FREE to those who had paid all or any part of their subscriptions.

That of the 500 Badges ordered from a local firm (Messrs. Reids, of Blackett Street) 200 had already been received.

That persons would not be admitted to meetings unless wearing the Association Badge or in possession of a Membership Card. Membership Cards had been issued to all members or intending members, but that they were really meant for the use of the latter—*e.g.*, persons who wished to join the Association but had as yet not paid any part of their subscription.

That the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 20th February, in St. George's Drill Hall.

That the Hon. Treasurer, Lt.-Colonel W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Comdg. 1st Battalion), and Capt. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M. (1st Battalion), had all three expressed their regret at being unable to be present at the meeting.

During the next hour a Smoking Concert was held, in which numerous Old Comrades took part. It should be mentioned that from 6.30 onwards the work of enrolling new members was being continuously carried out. Just as the meeting was being marshalled for the presentation of the Badges by the Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. Robinson) announced that an Old Comrade (ex-R.S.M. Young) had very kindly consented to pay the first instalment of all persons present in the room (who had not already done so), thereby ensuring that everyone present would receive a Badge at the hands of the Vice-President. This offer was gratefully accepted by 51 intending members. In the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Capt. W. H. Braddell received the Vice-President, who was introduced to the Officials and Committee of the Association by the Acting Hon. Treasurer.

Captain Braddell, in a brief speech of welcome, said that Capt. Lambert was too well known, as Lord Mayor of this great City, to need any introduction, but that he had much

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pleasure in offering Capt. Lambert the Association's sincere thanks for having accepted the Vice-Presidentship, and also for his presence at the meeting. The Association would always remember with pride that their first Vice-President was Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and that the Association were particularly grateful to him for having accepted office, for in his dual capacity as Lord Mayor and President of the North-East Coast Exhibition, 1929 would be a very busy year for him.

In conclusion he reminded those present that they were welcoming their Vice-President, not as Lord Mayor, but as one who had served in the Regiment and therefore as an Old Comrade.

The Vice-President then addressed the meeting. He said that he would always look back with great pride and pleasure at having been elected as first Vice-President of the Association, and that he would do everything in his power to help the Regiment. As a temporary, and therefore amateur soldier, he felt somewhat diffident at being called upon to address such a large number of professional soldiers, but that at any rate both they and he were all working to the same end, namely to the mutual benefit of helping each other. Everybody thought their own Regiment was the best in the Army—(Voice : " So it is!" Laughter and applause.)—but he could assure them that he was very gratified to think that the 1st Battalion of the Regiment was stationed as close as York. He believed that it was customary for the 1st Battalion to invite the Lord Mayor to attend the Trooping of the Colours on St. George's Day, and should he be honoured with an invitation this year, he would have much pleasure in accepting. Also the Band of the 1st Battalion would, he hoped, obtain an engagement at the forthcoming N.E. Coast Exhibition (applause), nor would the Bands of the Territorial Battalions be forgotten. (Renewed applause.)

The Chairman (Mr. C. Mercer) then presented the Vice-President with a Badge. After the Vice-President had presented the Badges, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vice-President and called on those present to render " musical honours." This request was heartily responded to (not forgetting " The Fusilier Whisper ").

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. H. Brooks), in seconding the vote of thanks, endorsed the Chairman's remarks and called upon the Vice-President to close this memorable meeting by leading the meeting in singing the first verse of the National Anthem.

The meeting terminated shortly after 10 p.m.

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PRESENTATION OF BADGES, THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Standing [Back row, L. to R.]—Mr. T. Eltringham, Mr. E. V. Mower, Mr. T. Bone, Mr. R. Shaw, Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. W. Fisk, Mr. G. Bennett, Mr. J. Pickering.

Seated [L. to R.]—Mr. C. M. Robinson [*Hon. Sec.*], Mr. C. Mercer [*Chairman*], Capt. W. H. Braddell, Mr. H. Brooks [*Vice-Chairman*].

Standing [Foreground].—Mr. G. Atkins, Capt. A. Lambert, M.C. [*Vice-President*].

The Rest of the News.

There are to date (10/1/29) 151 members. In addition 101 others have signified their intention of joining.

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Owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print a list of members.

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Some 18 Old Comrades, all of whom have served in the Band of either the 1st or 2nd Battalions, hope to start an Association Band ere long, but the difficulty of course will be lack of instruments.

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Several members have expressed their ignorance as to the method of obtaining the *St. George's Gazette*. Others have expressed a hope that the Association would subscribe to the *Gazette*, so that members would have an opportunity of learning the latest Regimental news at Association meetings.

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R.S.M. Groves, on leaving the Depôt, hopes to start an O.C.A. at Sheffield. We wish him the best of luck, and can assure him of our assistance, should he require it.

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The Association wish to express their sincere thanks to the following :—

To Mr. H. I. Morgan (Hon. Sec., O.C.A., London Area) for having so kindly lent a Badge. But for this timely aid it would not have been possible to obtain the Badges for pre-

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sentation to the Vice-President. (The Badges are identical with those of the O.C.A., London Area.)

To the O.C.A., London Area, for having shown us the way. The rapidity with which we have progressed is largely due to the fact that our rules, books and printed forms (suitably amended) are all based on those of the O.C.A., London Area.

To Mr. Gosman (an Old Comrade) for presenting the photograph which appears elsewhere in this issue.

To the following for their donations :—2nd Bn. The Fifth Fusiliers, £7 ; Col. E. S. Heard, £1 1s.

To the following for Banker's Orders of £1 :—Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. F. R. S. Athill, C.M.G. ; Col. E. S. Heard ; Lt.-Col. G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O.

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The following is a statement of the accounts of the Association (20/1/29) :—

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions and Donations	68 9 6	Entertainments	11 19 6
		Wreaths (Armistice Day)	1 13 0
		Advertisements	0 12 0
		Postage	2 15 6
		Cheque Book	0 5 0
		Badges	12 10 0
		Printing	8 0 1
Total Receipts	.. £68 9 6	Total Expenditure	.. £37 15 1

Balance Credit (Cash and Bank) .. .. £30 14s. 5d.
Liabilities .. .. nil

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The Rules of the Association (unavoidably held over from last month's *Gazette*) are printed below :—

Rules.

1. Title and Object.

The Association to be called the "Old Comrades' Association, The Northumberland Fusiliers," Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

2. Object.

Its object is to keep Old Fusiliers in touch with each other, and to keep up *esprit-de-corps* by means of social gatherings.

3. Membership.

All Ranks who have served in any Regular Battalion or Battalions of The Northumberland Fusiliers at any time, are eligible to become Members, if approved by the Committee.

4. Honorary Members.

All serving Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Fusiliers are Honorary Members of the Association. No one who is eligible to be an Ordinary Member may be made an Honorary Member.

5. President.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., is the President of the Association, and shall be the final arbiter in any dispute of difficulty that may arise.

6. Officials.

The following Officials shall be elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association :—Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, an Executive Committee of 7 or more members.

7. Committee.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be members of the Executive Committee, who are likewise elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meetings of the Association. The Hon. Secretary is an *ex-officio* member of this Committee.

8. Accounts.

The financial year of the Association will close on each 31st December, when a Balance Sheet showing all Assets and Liabilities of the Association will be prepared by the Hon. Secretary and audited under arrangements to be made by the Committee in time to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

9. Hon. Treasurer.

The duties of Hon. Treasurer are vested in the Officer Commanding, The Regimental Depôt, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Hon. Treasurer will act as Banker for the Association, receiving all monies not required for immediate expenses by the Hon. Secretary, and will keep the Association's banking account at the Haymarket Branch of Barclay's Bank, Barras Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

He will keep the Hon. Secretary informed of the names of Members paying subscriptions or donations direct to the Bank, or himself, by means of Bankers' Order or any other monies received by him.

He will issue to the Hon. Secretary such monies as may be required from time to time. He will ensure that the Association's account is not overdrawn.

He will keep the necessary Cash and Bank Pass Book.

10. Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary is the most important official of the Association ; he conducts all correspondence, keeps all books up to date, keeps the subscription book and collects all subscriptions (other than those paid to the Hon. Treasurer or Bank direct), is in charge of all property of the Association and is generally responsible for its welfare.

He must always be prepared to let the Committee know how the funds stand, so that they will not propose to spend more than the funds of the Association will permit. He will keep the following books :—

(*a*) Minute Book.
(*b*) Subscription Book.
(*c*) List of Members and their addresses.
(*d*) Cash book showing all sums received and expended by him, including postage.
(*e*) Correspondence Book.
(*f*) Property List.

He will pay to the Hon. Treasurer all monies not immediately required by him beyond a working balance of £2 (two pounds). He will obtain from the Hon. Treasurer cheques and monies to pay bills when necessary. He will file all receipts and vouchers.

11. The Committee.

The Committee will make all arrangements necessary for the Meetings, and all Social functions, appointing such Sub-

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Committees as may be necessary. They will submit estimates of the cost of any Entertainment, etc., they propose, to a general meeting for confirmation.

They may remove any Comrade from the List of Members, subject to a Comrade removed from the Association having the right of appeal to the President, whose decision shall be final. They may also add a Comrade to the List of Members. They have the power to exempt Comrades from subscribing temporarily in cases of distress.

12. NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Any Comrade whose subscription falls more than one year in arrears shall be struck off the List of Members, unless the Committee decide to use their powers of exemption.

13. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The subscriptions of Membership shall be 5s. per annum, and payable before the end of the financial year of the Association, but may, to suit members' convenience, be paid as and when they can in sums of not less than one shilling.

Officers.—The annual subscription of Officers will be £1. Officers commissioned from the Ranks, 5s. per annum.

14. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

All members of the Association are requested that, if possible, their subscriptions are paid by crossed cheque, or crossed postal order—this will save a vast amount of clerical work on the part of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

15. DISPOSAL OF FUNDS.

In the event of the Association being dissolved, all surplus assets are to be given to another Branch of the Association, or to the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, whichever is decided at a General Meeting winding up the Association.

16. BADGES AND RULES.

On joining the Association, each member shall be provided with a copy of the Association's Rules and Membership Badge free. Subsequent issues of Badges to replace any lost ones, to be paid for at the rate of 2s. per Badge.

17. RULES.

No alteration will be made in these Rules other than at the Annual General Meeting, for which 28 days' notice must be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary.

18. EMERGENCIES.

Any matters arising not covered by these Rules shall be decided by the Committee.

19. UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER.

The Association cannot undertake to find Members work, or to give monetary assistance, but the Hon. Secretary will keep an Unemployment Register and use every endeavour to secure and recommend Comrades for employment.

Any Comrade who is in a position to offer employment, or who knows of a vacancy, or impending vacancy, should inform the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour to obtain that employment for a Comrade of the Association.

Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Hard times are now the rule in Northumberland and our Funds are exhausted.

Many Fusiliers need assistance. Will you please help?

Donations will be gratefully received by

Hon. Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A Trip through the Khyber to Frontier Post.

A NUMBER of our Mess members left Cherat at 8.30 a.m. in Mr. Sinclair's bus, bound for Landi Kotal. Reaching Peshawar, we slaked our thirsts with cool drinks, obtained our permit to proceed up the "Pass" from the Political Agent, and continued our journey.

The first nine miles from Peshawar takes one across a flat, monotonous plain, with no vegetation to relieve the eye. Ahead of us, and gradually getting nearer, lies a tangled mass of forbidding looking mountains with few signs of animal or vegetable life on their slopes. This stage accomplished, we have reached Jamrud Fort, which resembles in shape and appear-

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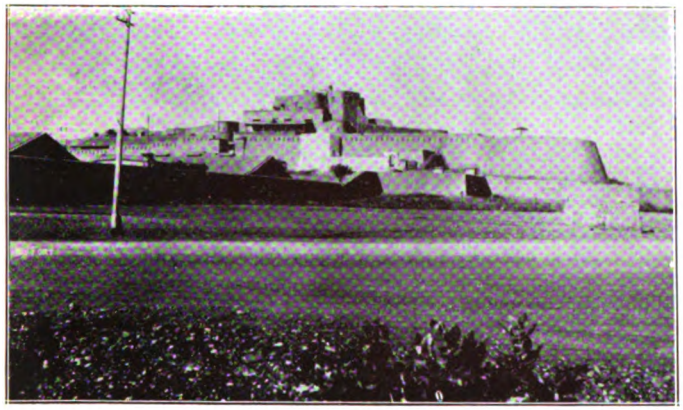
ance a huge battleship, at present garrisoned by the Dogras. This Fort is no paradise as a residence, especially in summer.



JAMRAD FORT—THE BATTLESHIP-SHAPED FORT.

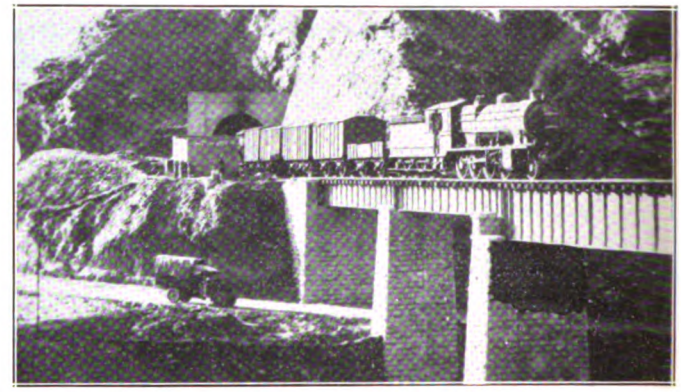
It consists of vast loopholes and walls surrounded by thick barbed wire fences. Opposite the fort is a control post, where the senior member of the party "signs" the Book. No one is permitted beyond this post after 4 p.m.

Two miles further on we reach the world-famous Gateway to India. Here one's thoughts naturally revert to our many ancestors who have given their life's blood in this region to keep the Flag flying in India.

We are now shut in on both sides by vast mountains, and the road and railway twist, cross and re-cross as the hills become steeper. The road is a marvel of engineering, and the railway is more than wonderful—a feat of engineering, it is a miracle how it was built and is maintained, for many parts of it appear

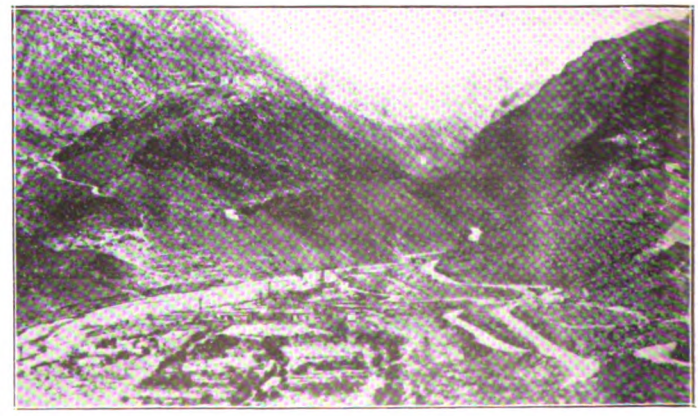
KHYBER PASS—SHOWING DOUBLE ROAD.

to be unapproachable. Every few hundred yards on each side of the road, perched on what appear to be inaccessible places, are grim-looking blockhouses, loopholed and surrounded by inevitable barbed wire entanglements, and a look-out standing



PART OF THE KHYBER RAILWAY.

on the roof. These are manned by Detachments from Jamrud Fort or Kassardars men recruited from the local tribes. The latter are bloodthirsty looking gentry, who provide their own rifle and ammunition and receive the magnificent sum of 30 rupees a month for their services. Should trouble arise they would be at once relieved, as it is always a moot point on whose side they will fight—depending chiefly on which side appears likely to win. Perhaps the reader is wondering why they are employed at all. The plan affords a great saving to the Regular Army, and keeps a number of tribesmen out of mischief. Furthermore, it must be understood that once Jamrud is left behind, the area belonging to and administered by the British extends about 50 to 75 yards each side of the road. Here



ALI MASJID CAMP—KYBER PASS.

there is a little ribbon of British Territory going through a country barren and waterless, inhabited by Pathans, Afridis

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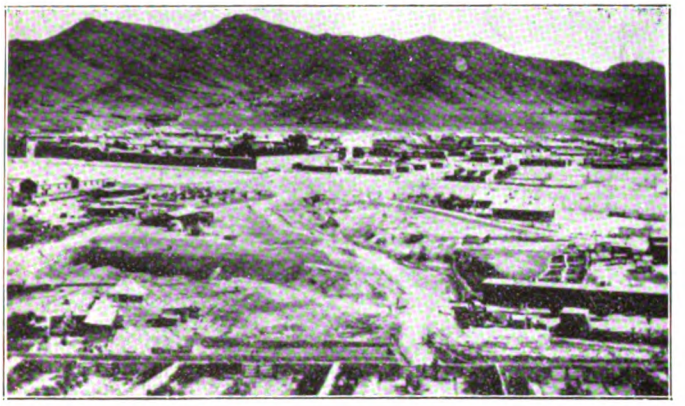
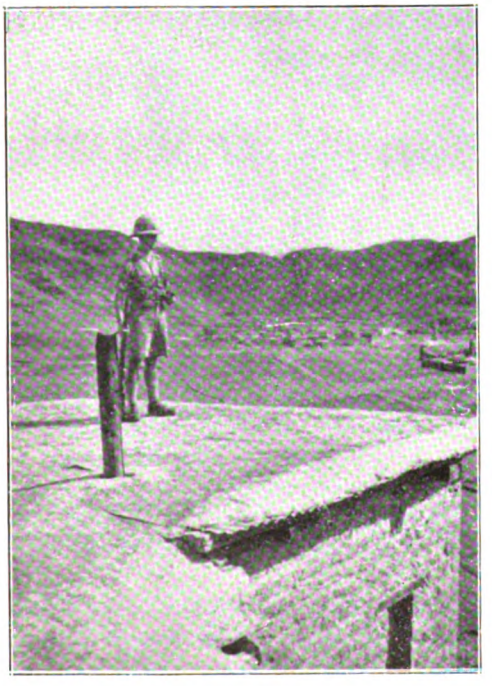
and Shinwares, who are denied an honest living from manual labour in the fields and must perforce live by plunder. It is



LANDI KOTAL—LOOKING NORTH.

not surprising to find that this is a land of continual strife, tribal outbreaks and outrages.

Each village is surrounded by high walls and possesses a tall watch tower, in which there is always a watchman to give warning in case of an attack by one of the nearest and dearest neighbours. It can be therefore understood that the chief

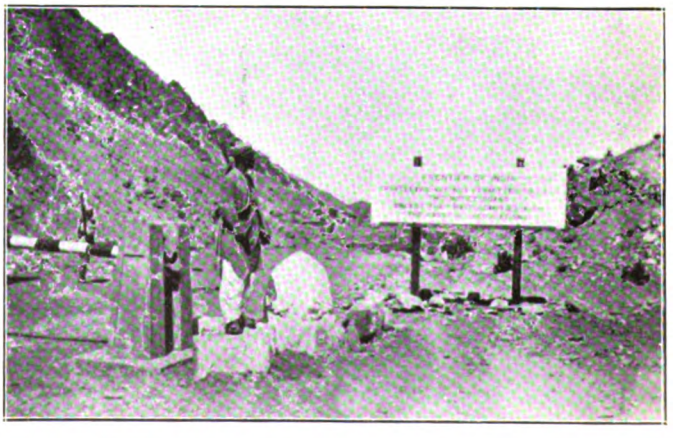


A "LOOK-OUT" ON BLOCKHOUSE ROOF—LANDI KOTAL.

characteristics of these tribes is their addiction to the blood feud or vendetta. Will this fatalistic adhesion to internecene feuds tend to self-extermination, or will the tribes in the process of time through the British influence and example come to

A KASSADAR POST AT TOP POINT ON THE HILLS ROUND LANDI KOTAL.

pursue more peaceful occupations? Some readers might wonder why the British Empire does not undertake the task of disarming these mountain brigands. In the first place there is that British sense of fair play causing us to appreciate the position of these people, and to realise that their homes bereft of much potentiality for sustaining human lives, the predatory instinct has been but a natural development through the centuries. Secondly, it would be a colossal task requiring an enormous army to suppress these fearless, warlike tribes who inhabit the mountain fastnesses of one of the most desolate regions in the world. Thirdly, as long as we could hold our own, these staunch fighters would help us to repel an invading force. An interesting object in the Pass is the recently completed fort at Shagai, which garrisons the armed force necessary to



A CLOSE-UP OF FRONTIER POST SHOWING BRITISH AND AFGHAN SENTRIES.

meet any emergency that may arise. This red stronghold occupies a commanding and impressive position amidst barren

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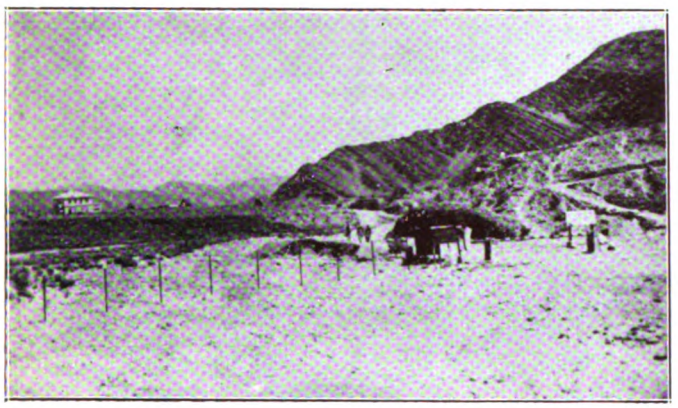
rocks, sandy waterways, and the mud huts and caves of the tribesmen. At several places along the Pass one observes



FRONTIER POST—SHOWING ROAD TO KABUL.

badges cut in the rocks, of Regiments that have served in the Pass.

A perennial supply of water in the region is a priceless possession, and the main springs are in our hands. In charge of this potential factor, in peace or war, is Staff-Sjt. Thompson, a man of giant stature, known to all throughout the Pass. To the Britishers he is known familiarly as "Tiny Thompson," and to the natives "The King of the Khyber."

The last five miles of the road into Landi Kotal provides a steep run; the camp lies in a flat plain, ringed by hills, and comprises a number of hutments, two mud forts, and a thick perimeter of barbed wire, outside which no-one is allowed after sunset. Between the wire and the hills are a number of block-houses manned by troops from the camp; while on the tops of

SOME OF THE PARTY—AT PESHAWAR.

the hills are look-out posts, or Kassadar Posts, occupied by tribesmen mainly recruited from the old Kyber Rifles.

While the writer could supply much more detail, he considers he has gone quite near enough to the borders of discretion. The R.E.'s presumably endeavoured to "dress" all the huts into lines, and the attempt to secure this order-line evidently caused some wag to name the roads between the huts after well-known streets in "ye old Smoke." What a splendid failure after all! How much nicer to stroll down the Strand, visit Bond Street, or parade as a defaulter in Trafalgar Square, than to dwell in the 19th Street, as might have been the case had the town planning scheme been based on American lines.

Our little party was rather surprised by the comfortable and cheery interior of the Serjeants' Mess, and we raise our hats to R.S.M. Wigley and his committee. We stayed in the camp for one night, and curiously enough firing took place outside the

AT FRONTIER POST.

[The writer of the article, W.O. Instr. H. J. Murdoch, A.E.C.]

Perimeter, as if only to convince us that blood feuds were not episodes of the past. The marker of the Officers' Tennis Court had been done to death—why, and by whom, we will never know.

The following morning we visited the chief blockhouse and explored its interior; and on leaving, secured an excellent snap of the soldier on the roof. With Mr. Wigley and other Mess members of the York and Lancs. Regt. as cicerones, we went by car to the last British post, 5 miles further on, and we reached Frontier Post and the Afghan Border and secured good snaps of the sentries on duty. Beyond this lies the rocky road to Kabul,

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Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., North'd. Fusiliers, is appointed G.S.O. (Instr, in Tactics) (Cl. CC.), School of Military Engineering (dated 15th January).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :—R. C. Stockley, B. J. Leech, K. O. N. Foster, R. P. Whelan, R. S. N. Clarke (dated 4th February).

Obituary.

The late Regtl.-Sjt.-Maj. W. A. M. Cobham

A fine type of soldier, the proud possessor of nine medals and with a distinguished record in the Regiment, in the person of the late R.S.M. W. A. M. Cobham, was laid to rest on 13th February, at Harton Cemetery, South Shields.

The funeral took place from the residence of Capt. J. F. Blakey, Village Terrace, Westoe, and the coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was borne on a gun carriage from the 74th Howitzer Brigade.

The Depôt found a Firing Party, and Drummers sounded the Last Post. The following Warrant Officers and Serjeants from the Depôt were present at the funeral :—R.S.M. G. Brocklesby, D.C.M., C.Q.M.S. J. Lewis, C.S.M. S. Curtis, Sjt. F. Hunter.

The late Mr. Cobham was, on the outbreak of the Great War, Regimental Serjeant-Major of the 1st Battalion. He joined the FIFTH in 1895, and took part in the Soudan Campaign of 1898, and served with the 1st Battalion through the South African War, 1899–1902.

He then served in India for a number of years, and was chosen as one of the Guard of Honour to King George at the Delhi Durbar in 1912.

In the Great War he went out to France with the original Expeditionary Force, and took part in the Retreat from Mons, being afterwards invalided home.

Being then posted to the 3rd Battalion, at East Boldon, he did valuable work in preparing drafts for the Front. He was in possession of the following medals :—2 Egyptian Medals, 1898 ; 2 South African Medals ; Delhi Durbar Coronation Medal ; Long Service and Good Conduct Medal ; 3 Medals for the Great War.

Mr. Cobham was unmarried, but to his nearest relatives we tender the sympathy of the Regiment in the passing of one who has served his Country and his Regiment so well.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
February, 1929.

FROST, sudden, bitter, and deadly, has been the keynote of the past month. It has put a stop to nearly every form of sport. It has ruined our ablutions, and jaundiced our outlook.

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"W" and "Y" Companies have commenced Individual Training, albeit indoors, owing to the cold. While at the time of writing, Influenza is rapidly depleting the ranks of the Battalion.

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Football has been completely stopped, as also hunting. Skating, both voluntary and involuntary, has remained the sole source of recreation.

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The Boxing team has, however, managed to reach the finals of the Northern Command Boxing Championships, in which we meet the Cameronians on the 28th. The team deserves to be heartily congratulated on this rather unexpected result.

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The intense cold, of course, froze up all the pipes, and baths could only be obtained by making expeditions to the town. This state fostered a new form of invitation to "tea and a bath," an invitation which really did earn the heartfelt gratitude of the recipient. We expected that wholesale inundations would follow the arrival of a thaw, but, thanks to efficient plumbing, we escaped with a few minor showers from the burst pipes.

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Everybody has now returned from leave, with the exception of Col. Garnier, Mr. Parsons (who is having a second spell), Mr. Macmullen, and Capt. Seth-Smith (who is still recovering from his various diseases).

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Mr. Speer, having defeated the immigration authorities at Hythe, is busy missing a "D" by the mark.

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The rest of us are very cold.

Boxing.

On the 9th January, 1929, a meeting was held at Catterick Camp, to decide the composition of teams, etc., for a Northern Command Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championship for a Challenge Trophy, kindly presented by Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

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At the meeting it was decided to run the competition on the same lines as the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships.

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The Battalion was drawn against the Green Howards from Strensall, and the first round was fought off in the Gymnasium, Fulford Barracks, on the evening of 1st February, 1929.

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A short account of each fight is appended :—

Fight No. 1—Officers' Catch-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. S. Enderby (5th Fus.) *v.* Lieut. M. L. P. Jackson (Green Howards).

Both Officers were evenly matched as regards height and weight, and the opening round saw some good attacks on both sides.

Early in the second round Mr. Jackson, who was the more experienced boxer, found his way through Mr. Enderby's guard and shook him badly with a left and right to the point. Mr. Enderby, however, retaliated with a series of attacks, and although inexperienced in ring craft, kept up a good defence.

In the third round, Mr. Jackson attacked strongly and kept up a continuous attack, landing several very heavy punches. Mr. Enderby stuck the pace, and ran out a very gallant loser on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 1 pt., Green Howards 2 pts.

Fight No. 2—Officers' Middle-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. R. P. Whelan (5th Fus.) obtained a walk-over in this bout, owing to the Green Howards not being able to supply an Officer Middle-Weight.

5th Fusiliers 3 pts., Green Howards 2 pts.

Fight No. 3—Officers' Welter-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing (5th Fus.) *v.* Lieut. N. Swan (Green Howards).

This fight opened with Mr. Swan showing considerable knowledge of ring craft, etc., but Mr. Laing did the right thing and kept up a continual straight left and refused to be drawn into mixing it at close quarters against his rather heavier and stronger opponent. This was a very even round.

Round 2 started off with Mr. Laing forcing the pace with nicely-timed lefts and an occasional right to the head ; his opponent seemed to take these without worrying to wipe off his deficit of points, which were continually being piled up against him. Mr. Laing won this round very easily.

Round 3 saw Mr. Swan trying for a knock-out, but Mr. Laing refused him this and kept him out in grand style, finally assuming the attack and beating his man well on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 5 pts., Green Howards 3 pts.

Fight No. 4—Other Ranks, Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Cranner (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Cussack (Green Howards).

Fus. Cranner did very well against a hard hitting opponent but did not attack quite sufficiently towards the end of the second and third rounds, when he appeared to have his man well beaten. Cussack won a very even fight on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 6 pts., Green Howards 5 pts.

Fight No. 5—Other Ranks, Feather-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Collighan (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Rock (Green Howards).

Both men were evenly matched and showed great style and skill. The first round started at a tremendous speed, which was kept up until the end of the third round.

At the end of the first round both men had had a fair share of the fight.

Round 2 saw Collighan on the offensive, which he succeeded in keeping, although Rock continued to give as good as he got.

Round 3 was a repetition of Round 2, Collighan using both hands cleverly and shaking his opponent with a very nice right cross to the point. Towards the end of the last round Collighan continued to pile on points and ran out a very good winner on points.

This was the best fight of the evening, and both men were congratulated by the Referee on the fine show and high-class standard of the boxing.

Fifth Fusiliers 8 pts., Green Howards 6 pts.

Fight No. 6—Other Ranks, Light-Weights (2nd string).

Bdsmn. Anderson (5th Fus.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Smith (Green Howards).

Lce.-Cpl. Smith was much the taller and heavier man. Anderson was giving away several pounds as he offered to go in instead of Fus. McKie, who was 1 lb. overweight at the weigh-in.

Anderson did the correct thing, and started off at a fast speed trying for a quick knock-out, which was his only chance of success. He landed several heavy punches, but found Lce.-Cpl. Smith's reach too much for him. After some in-fighting towards the end of the first round, Anderson was knocked out, but saved by the gong. In spite of this, he sailed in once more on the opening of the next round and was unlucky not to score a knock-out ; however, his opponent sized him up quickly and started a persistent attack and knocked Anderson out towards the end of the second round. Bdsmn. Anderson must be congratulated on this gallant effort.

Fifth Fusiliers 9 pts., Green Howards 8 pts.

Fight No. 7—Other Ranks, Light-Weights (3rd string).

Fus. Irving (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Postlewaite (Green Howards).

Irving showed great form, and shook his opponent early in the first round ; he clung to his advantage and continued to score freely, using both hands cleverly and to great purpose.

Early in the second round he forced his man round the ring, and seeing an opening used it to full advantage, knocking his opponent out with a lovely right hook to the point.

Fifth Fusiliers 11 pts., Green Howards 9 pts.

Fight No. 8—Welter-Weights (1st string).

Fus. Colley (5th Fus.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Double (Green Howards).

Colley, who has had a lot of experience, started off making full use of his left and waiting for an opening to use his right. Double scored a few points, but could not get through Colley's defence.

Towards the end of the first round, Colley put his man down for a short count. Early in the second round, Colley forced the pace and quickly knocked out his opponent with a right swing.

Fifth Fusiliers 13 pts., Green Howards 10 pts.

Fight No. 9—Welter-Weights (2nd string).

Fus. Mason (5th Fus.) *v.* Cpl. Allen (Green Howards).

This fight was disappointing from the Fusiliers' point of view. Mason did not appear to be in his usual form, and left himself open, a point which Cpl. Allen was not long in seeing. Cpl. Allen forced the pace and landed several blows in quick succession, which knocked out Fus. Mason in the first round.

Fus. Mason must learn to keep up his guard and hit harder.

Fifth Fusiliers 14 pts., Green Howards 12 pts.

Fight No. 10—Welter-Weights (3rd string).

Sjt. Ross (5th Fus.) *v.* Sjt. Huskinson (Green Howards).

Both men boxed well and tried for a knock-out in the first round ; however, both seemed to realise this was well nigh impossible, as each had a good defence. The fight throughout was even, and each attacked in turn ; however, towards the end of the third round Ross appeared to be on top. The verdict was given to Huskinson, who won on points.

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Sjt. Ross must be congratulated on his gallant effort as he is no chicken, but still going strong.

Fifth Fusiliers 15 pts., Green Howards 14 pts.

Fight No. 11—Middle-Weights (1st string).

Fus. Hywood (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Foxton (Green Howards).

This fight opened at a great speed, with Hywood doing well; however, he left his mark unguarded and was badly shaken, and Foxton, making full use of his advantage, scored by a k.o. to the point in the first round. Hywood would do better to box the first round, and warm up and mix it in the second and third rounds.

Fifth Fusiliers 16 pts., Green Howards 16 pts.

Fight No. 12—Middle-Weights (2nd string).

Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe (5th Fus.) *v.* Sjt. Oxley (Green Howards).

Sharpe started to force the fight early on, and Oxley was forced to cover up. Sharpe continued to attack and used both hands well, seeing an opening he landed a sharp right hook to the solar plexus and knocked his opponent out.

Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe has improved considerably this year, is getting much quicker all round and should do well throughout the competition.

Fifth Fusiliers 18 pts., Green Howards 17 pts.

Fight No. 13—Light Heavy-Weights.

Fus. Morley (5th Fus.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Ganner (Green Howards).

Although Ganner made repeated attacks, he could make very little impression on Fus. Morley, who was much heavier and taller. Fus. Morley attacked more throughout the second round, but failed to follow up his advantage.

At the beginning of the third round Morley attacked strongly and after Ganner had been down four times Morley put him down for the count towards the end of the round.

Fus. Morley did very well, but should follow up his advantage much quicker than he does at present; with some more experience he should do very well in the future.

Fifth Fusiliers 20 pts., Green Howards 18 pts.

Fight No. 14—Catch-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. McHale (5th Fus.) *v.* Sjt. Donnely (Green Howards).

McHale made full use of his reach and kept up a continual attack and completely smothered his opponent, who could make very little impression. McHale, using his right to good purpose, knocked out his opponent after a few seconds of fighting.

Lce.-Cpl. McHale shows great promise and should do well in the future.

The result of the competition was now secure, and we were all very much relieved as it had been anybody's competition up to this point.

Fifth Fusiliers 22 pts., Green Howards 19 pts.

Fight No. 15—Light-Weights (1st string).

Fus. Murr (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Kreihn (Green Howards).

Murr was up against a good man, who was much stronger and he forced the pace from the start. Kreihn put Murr down at the start, and on rising Murr attempted to beat off his man, but had been badly shaken and was knocked out shortly afterwards.

Fifth Fusiliers 23 pts., Green Howards 21 pts.

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In the next round of the competition we meet the King's Regiment from Lichfield. Lce.-Cpl. Stockton has been in hospital suffering from jaundice, and we hope to have his valuable assistance in the next round.

SECOND ROUND.

1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 2nd Bn. The King's Regt., held at York, on the 19th February, 1929.

Fight No. 1—Other Ranks, Catch-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stanton (King's Regt.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. McHale (5th Fusiliers).

McHale showed up well in the opening round and boxed very coolly, using a nice straight left and guarding himself well against some fierce right swings. The first round was very even.

In the second round McHale attacked throughout and nearly succeeded in getting a knock-out blow in. The third round McHale again forced the pace, and there was plenty of hard hitting on both sides.

McHale won a very good fight on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 2 pts., King's Regt. 1 pt.

Fight No. 2—Other Ranks, Light-Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Dyer (King's Regt.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Stockton (5th Fus.).

These two men met last year when we fought the King's Regt. at Lichfield in the Army Cup Competition, and on that occasion Stockton won on points after being fully extended.

Stockton, who has been in hospital with jaundice for two months, came back off sick leave to fight for us, and his presence had a great moral effect on our team.

The first round was fought at a terrific pace and both men gave and took some very heavy blows. This round was even with Stockton leading slightly.

The second round saw Stockton come up fresh and he forced Dyer round the ring and using his ringcraft gradually wore down his opponent.

The third round was a repetition of the second, and Dyer was well beaten, only his boxing skill saving him from receiving a knock-out blow. Stockton won a great fight on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 4 pts., King's Regt. 2 pts.

Fight No. 3—Officers' Heavy-Weights.

Lieut. E. D. Short (King's Regt.) *v.* Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison (5th Fus.).

Mr. Carr-Ellison attacked immediately and was well up on points at the end of the first round.

In the second round Mr. Carr-Ellison tried hard for a knock-out, but the long reach and good straight lefts of his opponent kept him out. There was plenty of hard hitting in this round, and Mr. Carr-Ellison was well up on points.

In the third round Mr. Short was very much weaker, and Mr. Carr-Ellison continued to score with both hands.

Mr. Carr-Ellison won on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 6 pts., King's Regt. 3 pts.

Fight No. 4—Officers' Welter-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. P. C. Winterton (King's Regt.) *v.* 2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing (5th Fus.).

Mr. Laing opened strongly and got his opponent groggy in the first round. The second round Mr. Winterton tried hard to get a knock-out but Mr. Laing, boxing well and using both hands to advantage, nearly had him beaten towards the end of the second round.

Early in the third round Mr. Laing floored his opponent several times, and the Referee stopped the fight.

Fifth Fusiliers 8 pts., King's Regt. 4 pts.

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Fight No. 5—Other Ranks, Welter-Weights (1st string).

Lce.-Cpl. Bromhead (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Colley (5th Fus.).

Both men went all out for a knock-out, Colley receiving a very swollen eye in the first round, which was evenly contested. In the second round, Bromhead, who is a very good boxer indeed, attacked strongly and Colley was unfortunate in receiving another blow over the other eye—he fought on gallantly hoping for a knock-out, but Bromhead was not long in gradually wearing him down, and the Referee intervened, as Fus. Colley could hardly see at all towards the end of the second round.

Fifth Fusiliers 9 pts., King's Regt. 6 pts.

Fight No. 6—Other Ranks, Welter-Weights (2nd string).

Sjt. Carlin (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. McKie (5th Fus.).

This was a very closely contested fight, both men were boxing well throughout, and after a very even three rounds Fus. McKie won on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 11 pts., King's Regt. 7 pts.

Fight No. 7—Other Ranks, Welter-Weights (3rd string).

Pte. Jones (King's Regt.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe (5th Fus.).

Jones was the better boxer, and after a sharp encounter in the first round he delivered a well-timed right hook which put Sharpe out.

Fifth Fusiliers 12 pts., King's Regt. 9 pts.

Fight No. 8—Officers' Middle-Weights.

Lieut. J. O. Stuart (King's Regt.) *v.* 2nd-Lieut. G. P. Hobbs (5th Fus.).

Mr. Hobbs was much the better boxer and soon piled on several points in quick succession. Mr. Stuart tried to attack, but each time Mr. Hobbs, using very well-timed blows, beat him off and had him on the run for the remainder of the fight. At the beginning of the third round Mr. Hobbs attacked strongly, and the Referee intervened to save Mr. Stuart, who was afterwards discovered to have broken his nose.

Fifth Fusiliers 14 pts., King's Regt. 10 pts.

Fight No. 9—Other Ranks, Middle-Weights (1st string).

Bdsmn. Jackson (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Hywood (5th Fus.).

Bdsmn. Jackson is a really first-class boxer, and Hywood did very well in the first round, which was even. Early in the second round Jackson knocked out Hywood with a perfectly timed right to the point.

Fifth Fusiliers 15 pts., King's Regt. 12 pts.

Fight No. 10—Other Ranks, Middle-Weights (2nd string).

Pte. Gilmarton (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Smith (5th Fus.).

Both men started fiercely and kept it up throughout the first round, each man being floored alternately. Smith, however, was unlucky to be knocked out in the second round.

Fifth Fusiliers 16 pts., King's Regt. 14 pts.

Fight No. 11—Light-Weights (2nd string).

Pte. Bennett (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Irving (5th Fus.).

Both men displayed considerable skill, and after a ding-dong battle, in which both men took and gave a great deal of punishment, Bennett won on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 17 pts., King's Regt 16 pts.

Fight No. 12—Other Ranks, Light-Weights (3rd string).

Pte. Waugh (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Allison (5th Fus.).

This bout was fought at a tremendous speed from start to finish; Allison attacked mercilessly throughout, and although he received severe punishment through using both hands and not guarding himself, he did the right thing, as the result hung upon this fight. He won comfortably on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 19 pts., King's Regt. 17 pts.

Fight No. 13—Other Ranks, Feather-Weights.

Cpl. Jones (King's Regt.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Collighan (5th Fus.).

Jones tried to rush Collighan, but was always countered; towards the end of the first round Collighan got in some beautifully timed punches and after getting his man groggy got in a nice right cross-counter to the point, which floored Jones, who was only saved by the gong.

Early in the second round Collighan again floored Jones and the Referee intervened.

Fifth Fusiliers 21 pts., King's Regt. 18 pts.

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This decided the issue, provided our remaining representatives were not disqualified.

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Fight No. 14—Bantam-Weights.

Bdsmn. Fairhurst (King's Regt) *v.* Fus. Cranner (Fifth Fus.).

Fairhurst was the better boxer, and Cranner did well to fight a good three rounds against a more experienced boxer. Fairhurst won on points.

Fifth Fusiliers 22 pts., King's Regt. 20 pts.

Fight No. 15—Light-Weights (1st string).

Bdsmn. Brookes (King's Regt.) *v.* Fus. Murr (5th Fus.).

Brookes was too strong for Murr, who was forced to cover up a lot, and after taking severe punishment Murr was knocked out in the third round.

Fifth Fusiliers 23 pts., King's Regt. 22 pts.

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As the scoring shows, we had our work cut out to beat the King's Regiment, who are a very good all-round team. All our competitors are to be congratulated on the way they set about it. We now meet the winners of the Royal Corps of Signals and Cameronians at Catterick, in the Final, on the 28th February, and hope to pull off the Northern Command Championship.

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We take this opportunity of thanking the officials :—

Referee—Capt. W. A. Goddard, O.B.E., Supt. of P.T.

Judges—Capt. A. G. Duncan, M.C., The Black Watch; Capt. A. K. Phillips and Lieut. R. McL. Glassby, Depôt, West Yorkshire Regt.

Time-keeper—S.M. Hughes, A.P.T.S.

M.C.—R.S.M. Rowsell and Other.

Serjeants' Mess.

February, 1929.

This month's notes will commence with an apology for lack of news with regard to the Billiard Match between the members of the Mess and the Conservative Club.

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Unfortunately the result was lost by the contributor.

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On the 28th of January, the ex-Boys played a picked team from the remainder of the Mess at billiards and snooker.

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The result was as follows :—

BILLIARDS.

Sjt. Bellamy	100	C.S.M. Carlin	72
Sjt. Croft	100	Sjt. Humphreys	82
C.Q.M.S. Bramley	86	Bd./Master Windram	100
Sjt. Moore	97	Sjt. Huggan	100
Sjt. Matthewson	50	C.S.M. Danaford	16
C.Q.M.S. West	100	Bd./Sjt. Chislett	81
Total	533	Total	451

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SNOOKER.

Sjt. Hullyer	48	Drm/Major Hebbron	43
Sjt. Hobbs		Sjt. Obey	
Sjt. Swain	44	R.S.M. Rowsell	60
Sjt. Duggan		C.S.M. Newton	
Sjt. Mears	59	Sjt. Hackett	36
Sjt. Ross		C.S.M. Purcell	
Total	151	Total	139

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The annual shoot of the 5th West Yorkshire Regt. took place during the month against the 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers Serjeants' Mess.

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The result was as follows :—

Sjt. Fitzgerald	28	Sjt. Wilcox	32
Drm./Major Hebbron	25	Sjt. Plant	29
Sjt. Lynch	33	C.Q.M.S. Exelby	28
Sjt. Babington	33	R.S.M. Buckle	34
Sjt. Bellamy	29	C.S.M. Battle	31
Sjt. Harris	34	Sjt. Brown	29
Total	182	Total	185

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Corrigenda.—Dixie, of the ex-Boys team, at football desires it to be stated that he played at centre-forward and scored two goals, and not as stated heretofore.

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The R.S.M. has returned from leave and found attached to the wall of his house an icicle which out-icicles any icicle the *Daily Mirror* can produce.

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His other grouse is that he cannot get any hot water.

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Congratulations to Band-Serjeant and Mrs. Chislett on the birth of a son on the 14th instant. Both are doing well.

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We were very pleased to receive a visit from another of our ex-members in the person of ex-Sjt. Harry Loder.

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May we have many more.

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It becomes necessary to again warn the " Single Members " against challenging the " Married 'uns " at billiards.

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They stand absolutely no chance whatever.

'Arry 'Obbs goes to the table and makes breaks of 38 and 40, and no-one else can possibly stand a chance against that sort of thing.

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Our friend " Buck " is about to leave us and join the Territorial Staff. Our loss will certainly be their gain.

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A further appeal to ex-members, please. Please send your addresses to the President.

" FAGOTTO."

Corporals' Mess.

February, 1929.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the following upon their appointment to Corporal :—Cpls. Bellwood and McHale.

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Our Monthly Dance for February was a great success ; this was held in the men's coffee bar, the Fusiliers Band supplying a good programme of music.

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We take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to the members of the Serjeants' Mess, who attended our Dance, but regret to announce that owing to pressing engagements *our* " Jazz King " failed to attend.

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We congratulate our fighting members on their display in the Boxing Tourney with the " King's."

" LITTLE NOISE."

Cross-Country Running.

The wintry weather stopped any training, as the ground was much too frozen to admit of any running practice.

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On the 25th, the Regimental Inter-Company Run took place, 250 runners turning out. The course was about 4½ miles long, and ran through the Lowmoor-Hislington-Fulford to River Ouse and so to Barracks. A slight fall of snow had made the plough rather slippery, otherwise the remainder was fairly good going.

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As usual, Lce.-Cpl. Latimer was first home, being followed by Cpl. Bellwood and Fus. Richardson ('57).

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The Company placings were :—

1, H.Q. Wing	669
2, " W " Company	801
3, " X " Company	1,121
4, " Y " Company	1,313
5, M.G. Company	1,589

The first 20 men of each Company counting.

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On the 5th of March our team will compete in the Northern Command Challenge Shield, at Catterick, over a 6-mile course. Owing to the many changes in the Battalion, we hope to find some new blood among the new recruits. In any case the team will, no doubt, give a good account of itself.

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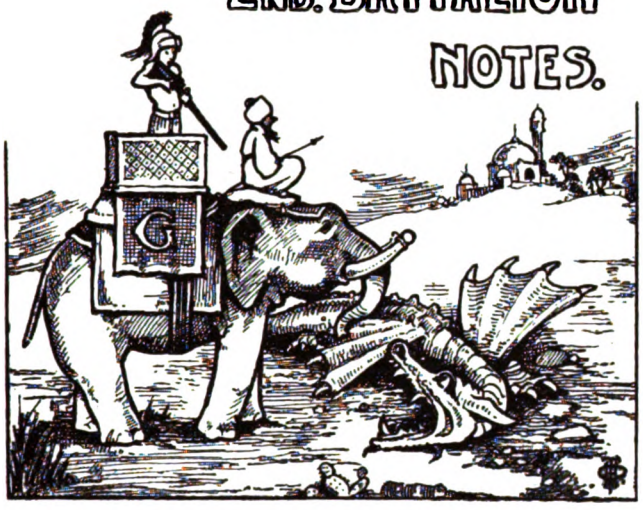
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Lahore,
January, 1929.

ON 1st January the usual Proclamation Day Parade was held, before a large crowd of spectators. The Brigade paraded under the command of Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., and fired a *feu-de-joie*, followed by a march past, which was taken by H.E. The Governor of the Punjab. A flight of aeroplanes flew past first, then Probyns Horse, 12th Field Brigade R.A., less two Batteries, Fifth Fusiliers, 10th/8th Punjabis, 3th/10th Baluchis, and 7th Armoured Car Company. Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., commanded the Battalion, and the Colours were carried by Mr. Earle and Mr. Lean.

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Apart from that and one Brigade and one Battalion Field Day, the month has been largely devoted to the various forms of sport. Truly a change from the last two years, when one would have been lucky to have slept in a bed for more than half-a-dozen nights.

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The revival of polo, predicted in previous notes, is strongly on the up-grade, and seven new ponies have been bought this month. The old Sunday morning custom of parading the ponies in the Mess garden before lunch has been revived, and the string now numbers 18—not all, however, can really strictly be called polo ponies. We have not been able to get a regular team together yet, although Mr. Martin has played in two tournaments lately as a member of composite teams; and we hope to enter a team for a local tournament next month.

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Major Baxter and Capt. Attwater returned from leave in England on 9th January. Both are temporary grass widowers, and we are glad to note that even after so short a period of good living in the Mess, they are putting on quite a lot of condition.

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We are all very pleased to hear that Capt. and Mrs. Waight have acquired a son and heir, who was born on the 31st December, 1928. We hear that he is a real record beater in pugnacity and determination—in fact a thoroughbred Fusilier.

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Mr. Collingwood has just returned from a very successful shoot in Sind, where he spent a week with Colonel Harper and several other old friends from Nowshera—seven guns in all. The total bag was nearly 900 head of game, to which Mr. Collingwood contributed 120—*i.e.* 2 geese, 58 duck, 13 teal, 46 snipe, 1 pigeon.

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We are all very glad to hear that Col. Sandilands had been given command of the Rangoon Brigade, and the good wishes of all Ranks of the Battalion will go with him in his new appointment. We hope that he may have time to come and see us on his way through India.

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In December, Mr. Saunders, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Lahore, was murdered, and Head Constable Chanan Singh, in pursuing the murderers, was shot dead. The *Civil and Military Gazette* immediately began raising a fund in the name of the two murdered men, with the object of helping the dependants of members of the Police Force who have lost their lives in the execution of their duty. The Battalion subscribed to this Fund, and in addition we played a Rugger match against the Lahore Gymkhana—of which Mr. Saunders was Captain—to raise additional funds. The Drums went down and played before the match and during the interval, before a large crowd of spectators.

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The match was a fast hard game, and resulted in a win for Lahore Gymkhana, by 8 points to nil. Their forwards shoved us in the scrum and usually got the ball, but we did well in the loose and nearly rushed the ball over the line several times. Their three-quarters knew more about the game than ours, and their excellent running and passing was the deciding factor.

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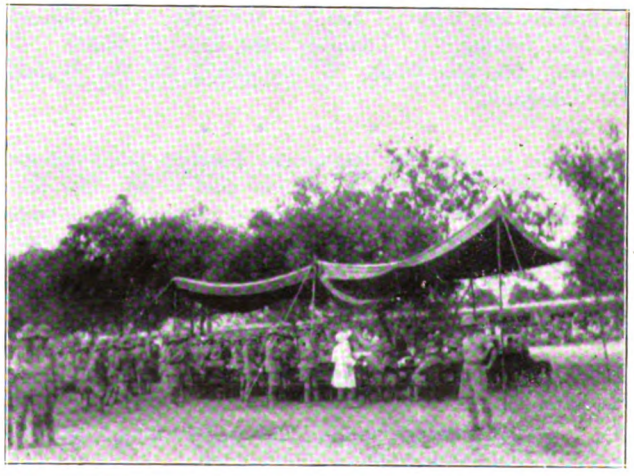
On 12th January, "D" Company took on the N.W. Rail-



MOVE TO LAHORE.
THE CANTEEN ON THE MOBILIZATION SIDING, NOWSHERA STATION.
(*Photo by Fus. Augustson.*)

way and beat them by a drop goal to a try—a good performance indeed for a Company team.

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In the First Round of the Punjab Commission Cricket Cup

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we were drawn against the R.A.F., Lahore, and beat them. Our success was largely due to the good bowling of Mr. Beyts.

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FIRST ROUND PUNJAB COMMISSION CUP.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Collingwood, c Hartley	20	b Hartley	1
Clifford, c Sykes, b Chapman	1	c Bartlett, b Hartley	16
Murdoch, c Sykes, b Beatley	21	b Hartley	3
Tarleton, b Chapman	0	c Greenway, b Davis	4
Smith, c Sykes, b Davis	31	c Swinney, b Davis	10
Parkin, b Beatley	7	not out	5
Lean, b Beatley	0	not out	7
Milward, c Greenway, b Davis	1	b Hartley	21
Foster, not out	23	c Harris, b Davis	0
Beyts, b Davis	20	b Hartley	5
Boon, b Davis	0	b Davis	0
Extras	10	Extras	12
Total	134	Total	84

R.A.F.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Greenway, c Smith, b Parkin	9	c Lean, b Parkin	5
Mossdell, lbw, b Beyts	0	b Boon	13
Swinney, b Beyts	0	b Beyts	6
Alexander, b Beyts	0	b Beyts	0
Bartlett, b Beyts	0	c and b Boon	8
Harris, c Lean, b Beyts	4	c Milward, b Beyts	0
Beatley, b Beyts	7	b Parkin	30
Hartley, c Boon, b Parkin	4	c Foster, b Beyts	17
Sykes, b Beyts	0	not out	4
Davis, not out	1	c Beyts, b Tarleton	1
Chapman, b Parkin	0	lbw, b Tarleton	6
Extras	2	Extras	19
Total	27	Total	109

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The Battalion Cross Country was run on the 16th January, over a 3½ mile course, and resulted in a fairly easy win for "C" Company, "A" Company being 2nd. The following were the first five men home :— Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, "C" Company; 2nd, Fus. Keiling, "B" Company; 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, "C" Company; 4th, Fus. Wood, "C" Company; 5th, Fus. Watson, "D" Company.

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On 17th January, the Regimental Football Team defeated the 12th Field Brigade R.A., by one goal to nil. Our team was a good deal better side, and should have won by a larger margin. The forwards' shooting was very wild and erratic, and they were not working together as well as they can. However, Lce.-Cpl. Lench, managed to score finally from a scrimmage in front of goal.

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The result of two Hockey matches played during the month was as follows :—

v. 7th Armoured Car Company, won, 3—0.
v. Lahore Gymkhana, draw, 2—2.

Sergeants' Mess.

We are now comfortably settled down in Lahore, and welcome the change from Nowshera, especially that part of it to be found in Khartoum Barracks, or to call it by the more appropriate nick-name "Tintown," so called because of the tin roofs, that afford such excellent protection from the sun's rays. While "Tintown" possessed the last thing in roads, and could not boast of a single blade of grass, Lahore possesses broad roads and even foot-paths, and it is a joy to behold the greenery of the country-side.

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In place of a small dingy Mess we have a fine spacious building, including a large dining room, billiard room and reading room. There was much to be done on arrival here in the way of providing suitable furnishings, and with a highly creditable unity of purpose the heads spared no time or trouble in setting about the task, which was accomplished quickly and effectively, and now the imposing furnishings of the reading room, and artistic arrangement of the silver cups and shields cannot fail to impress a visitor. In the billiard room an excellent table has been erected. It is given little rest, and promises to be a sound business venture, apart from the pleasure it will afford members and visitors. Already two Billiard Tournaments have been held, one in which we proved too good for our members from Birdwood Barracks, and the other in which we succumbed to the superior skill of the members of the Royal Tanks Corps Mess. Talk about anglers and the large fish they have caught

NO. 2 PLATOON'S BARRACK-ROOM, BIRDWOOD BARRACKS.
(Photo by Fus. Auguston.)

I have yet to meet the billiard player who has not a tale or two to tell of the wonderful breaks he used to make. It has given me much secret amusement to sit and listen to such billiard table talk, but while playing a game with Atkey the other evening, I caught myself blowing about the wonderful shots I used to bring off. So the following lines would appear to be applicable generally.

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At billiards, 'tis a curious thing,
Though men delight to blow,
They ne'er can play so good a game
As they did some time ago.

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To return to the description of the Mess after our diversion.

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On the East side of the Mess are gardens and three excellent tennis courts. It cannot be said that tennis is very popular at present, except with a few old stagers, but this is possibly due to the fact that our members are still sight-seeing.

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Already some successful and well-attended dances have been held. I noticed at one dance that not a single lady (this is no play on words) "sat out," due to the efforts of the Entertainment Committee in general and of C.S.M. Larkman in particular. To quote the remarks made to me by Sjt.-Major Cousins, of the Air Force Park, "It is a most noticeable and appreciated feature of your dances that the M.C.'s take the floor last." Presumably he deplores the methods of the generality of modern M.C.'s, who select the daintiest piece of femininity in the room, take the floor first, leaving the wall-flowers to wilt.

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We turned out a rather weak side at cricket against the Ordnance Depôt, and paid for our temerity by chasing the ball considerably more than we caused it to be chased. Sjt. Wasse must have taken some of that well-known mixture used by all our great cricketers—"Sebastian Swift's Syrup for Sprightly Sprinters," for he appeared to enjoy pursuing the leather—so much so, in fact, that on many occasions he kicked the ball towards the boundary line as if desirous of extending the pursuit. Sjt. Boon bowled well for our side, and Lieut. Leplar and Conductor Watson played havoc with our wickets. The scribe was lucky enough to pass the 20 mark in each innings by keeping a straight bat. We have, however, somewhat regained our self-esteem on reading in the *Civil and Military Gazette* that Conductor Watson has since taken 4 wickets for 22 runs, playing against the Lahore Gymkhana "A" Team.

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The Tank Corps Officers and Serjeants put out a strong side against us at hockey, and a pleasant, fast and exciting game ended in a draw of 2 goals each. We were lucky to equalise just before the whistle blew for time.

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Several of our members have had a spell in Hospital, and we are pleased to see them well and back to duty—C.S.M. Dalby, after a bout of dysentery; Sjt. Fairley, minus his appendix; and Sjts. Earle and Higgins.

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The Serjeants' "At Home," on the occasion of the Regimental Sports, was one of those convivial functions which characterised our old days, and which we hope will prove to be a forerunner of many such happy days to follow. The beautiful lay-out and setting of the enclosure reflect great credit on the work of the Entertainment Committee. We entertained over 100 guests, all of whom were delighted with our efforts, and were not behind in extending their praise to those concerned. We were fortunate to see some very good running in the track events.

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The *Civil and Military Gazette* (published in Lahore) is always ready to take up the cudgels on behalf of Tommy Atkins. Last summer the controversial topic was Tommy Atkins and the wearing of civilian clothes. At present the paper is dealing with the more vital question of whether Tommy can exist on Two Bob a day. I therefore append the following, with apologies to Blake:—

Multum in Parvo.

Blake's version:—

"To see the world in a grain of sand,
And heaven in a wild flower;
To hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
And Eternity in an hour."

Tommy Atkins' version:—

To soldier in India's coral strand,
And endure the sun's great power;
To hold Two Bob in the palm of your hand,
And part with it in an hour.

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Lahore is a very old and interesting city, and appears to have covered a much larger area formerly than at present. During the reign of Shahjehan the city was probably some 16 or 17 miles in circuit. Few cities have suffered more from devastating hordes and from anarchy than Lahore did during the 150 years previous to its coming under British rule. There are practically no signs of architectural remains of the old Hindu city of Lahore—in fact, the city had no real architectural pretensions till the period of the Moghul Dynasty. To the Moghuls also, from their love of the picturesque in nature, the city owes the construction of well-planned gardens of dense foliage, rippling fountains, and imitative cascades, which never fail to call forth enthusiastic admiration from travellers. Typically Moghul, too, are the many garden enclosed tombs. But as far as can be judged from existing remains, Lahore can never have equalled Delhi in its buildings, yet the Tomb of Jehangir, the Shalimar Gardens, the Pearl Mosque, the Badshai or Imperial Mosque of Aurangzeeb are no mean specimens of architecture, and well worth visiting. The sad story associated with Anarkali's Tomb will make a strong appeal to all lovers of romance. Anarkali was a beautiful slave girl who was buried alive in 1599 by order of the Emperor Akbar, being suspected of an intrigue with his son, who afterwards, as Emperor Jehangir, had a tomb erected over the grave of the unfortunate girl.

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If only Akbar and Jehangir could be translated to Lahore I should like to sit beside them in a Rolls Royce and do a cool fifty down the Mall, take them to the Pictures, peradventure risk a trip in an aeroplane, listen-in, set going a gramophone, and do a multitude of other things. Would they in return tell me of some of their doings not recorded in books? I wonder!

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Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
23rd February, 1929.

AFTER a surfeit of Christmas and New Year Notes, there is little to be recorded this month.

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We have been pleased to receive visits from the following :— Mr. F. G. A. Parsons, Major O. B. Foster, Mr. R. C. M. Threlfall, Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, Capt. W. Myers (all 1st Battalion) ; Major M. R. Neale (D.A.D.O.S., 50th Div.) ; Col. P. W. T. H. Wortham (I.A.O.S.) ; Col. R. T. Russell (A.D.O.S. Northern Command) ; Capt. W. A. Goddard (Supt. P.T., Northern Command) ; Bt.-Lieut.-Col. H. K. Finch (D.A.A. and Q.M.G., 50th Div.) ; Mr. R. H. Beall (4th Bn.), Mr. R. V. Casebourne (4th Bn.) ; Mr. J. M. Ogden, Mr. C. R. I. Besley, Mr. T. N. Douthwaite, Mr. J. C. Stephenson (all 5th Battalion), Capt. A. J. K. Todd (7th Bn.) ; Mr. O. A. Peters (4th Bn.) ; and Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson (6th Bn.).

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Since the 7th January, 1929, personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., have attended Courses at the Depôt as under :—

Lewis Gun	60
Section-Leading	64
Machine Gun	67
Cooks	9
Mess Serjeant	1
Total	201

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On Saturday, 16th February, 1929, a draft of 20 Other Ranks arrived from the 2nd Battalion, *ex* H.T. *Nevassa*, for transfer to the Army Reserve or discharge. They were all disposed of on the following day. The draft conducting Officer was Mr. R. M. Ingall, of the 2nd Bn. The Sherwood Foresters.

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Cpl. Gooding is now undergoing a fortnight's Course of Instruction in the repair of Small Arms at the Military College of Science, Woolwich.

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We congratulate Lieut. R. C. Stockley on his promotion to that rank.

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The Depôt Mess has been presented, during the last month, with two very charming water-colours by Major H. M. Heyder, late 5th Fusiliers. One depicts the Trooping of the Colour at Hillsborough Barracks, Sheffield, on St. George's Day, 1913 ; and the other is a collection of types of different dress of the Regiment. We tender him our grateful thanks. The picture of the Trooping of the Colour is especially interesting, as it was the last occasion on which the 2nd Battalion Trooped the Colour in pre-war full dress.

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Museum.

The following donations to date (23rd February) are gratefully acknowledged for the Depôt Regimental Museum :—

	£	s.	d.
Lt.-Col. H. W. Archer	0	10	0
Capt. M. O. Blackett Ord	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. F. P. Braithwaite, D.S.O., M.C.	0	10	0
Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G.	1	1	0
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. T. W. Carthew, D.S.O.	0	10	0
Capt. F. B. Corbet-Singleton	0	10	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. S. H. Enderby	0	10	0
Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. B. W. E. Gething	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
Major H. C. Hall	0	10	0
Lieut. G. C. Humphreys	0	10	0
Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
Lt.-Col. G. F. T. Leather	1	0	0
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. ..	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O.	0	10	0
Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle	0	10	0
The Lord Redesdale	1	0	0
Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C. ..	0	10	0

Boxing.

The Inter-Squad Boxing Competition, which should have taken place on the 19th and 20th February, has had to be indefinitely postponed, on account of influenza. In consequence the 5th/68th Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition, arranged for the 14th March, will also be delayed.

Cross-Country Running.

The Annual Depôt Cross-Country Run, which should have taken place on the 7th March, has had to be postponed on account of influenza.

Association Football.

The following matches in the Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League have been played since our last notes :—

23/1/29—Depôt *v.* Kadimah. Won, 8 goals to 2 goals.
30/1/29—Depôt *v.* Wallsend Tradesmen. Won, 13 goals to nil.
6/2/29—Depôt *v.* Kadimah. Won, 12 goals to 1 goal.

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Team :—

Fus. Sanderson.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Bowker. Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Sjt. Cross. Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Jarmain.
Cpl. Taylor.

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Extract from League Table :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against	Points
16	8	8	0	71	36	16

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Extracts Depôt Orders, Part II. :—

4261713 Fus. J. Alcock, transferred to Army Reserve (dated 3rd February, 1929).

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The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificate of Education (dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 16th January, 1929) :—

426663 Fus. J. Drake	4442605 Fus. A. Fee
426669 Fus. J. T. Fee	4266650 Fus. J. W. Graham
42666665 Fus. W. Grasby	4266653 Fus. J. Greener
4264909 Fus. J. Humpish	4266609 Fus. R. Kelly
4266578 Fus. J. Pynch	4446799 Fus. W. Mitchenson
4266676 Fus. J. W. Mouat	4266623 Fus. J. Olley
4266635 Fus. D. Pattison	4266677 Fus. S. Pearson
4266660 Fus. J. G. Readman	4266632 Fus. J. Riley
4266589 Fus. H. Robson	4266678 Fus. H. Rowland
4266661 Fus. H. Sandbach	4266664 Fus. J. C. Taylor
4266551 Fus. D. T. E. Smith	774859 Fus. R. Scotland
4257282 Fus. W. H. Skinner	

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No. 4257282 Fus. W. Skinner, re-posted to the 1st Battalion (dated 2/2/29).

No. 4263117 Fus. J. J. Carver, posted to Depôt for a Tour of Duty (dated 2/2/29).

4256266 Fus. W. Ouzman, posted to Depôt for a Tour of Duty (dated 6/2/29).

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No. 4257872 Lce.-Cpl. J. Ferguson, promoted Corporal (dated 23/11/28).

No. 4264388 Lce.-Cpl. C. Morrison, promoted Corporal (dated 8/12/28).

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No. 4262685 Fus. J. Sanderson, Tour of Duty extended to 26/9/29.

No. 749741 Fus. J. Barnes, Tour of Duty extended to 1/4/30.

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Strength on 21/2/29 :—Depôt Staff, 67 ; Recruits, 142.

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Recruiting.—There are at present five Squads at the Depôt :—October, November I., November II., January and February Squads. October Squad (the "London" Squad) is due to leave the Depôt on 1st March, 1929. February Squad commenced their training on 11th February, 1929. About 10 recruits are still required to complete our quota ending 31st March, 1929.

Serjeants' Mess.

22nd February, 1929.

We take this opportunity of congratulating R.Q.M.S. Redhead on his promotion to Warrant Officer, Class I., *vice* R.S.M. Groves, discharged to pension after 24 years' service (dated 3rd February, 1929).

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R.S.M. Redhead leaves us on Monday, 25th instant, and embarks in the s.s. *City of Paris* at Birkenhead, for passage to India, to take up his duties as R.S.M. of the 2nd Battalion. To Sjt.-Major Redhead and Mrs. Redhead and family, we extend our best wishes for their future and a happy tour with the 2nd Battalion.

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On the 20th January, a "Smoker" was held in the Mess to celebrate the departure of R.S.M. Groves, after his 24 years' service, and the impending departure of R.S.M. Redhead to the 2nd Battalion.

The arrangements for the evening were in the hands of Q.M.S. Wardle and his Committee, and right well did they do their job. The Mess was packed to its full capacity, over 100 relatives, friends and members of the Mess being present. The needs of all present were well catered for and a long programme was gone through. Artistes of the best quality were conspicuous by their presence.

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Q.M.S. Wardle, after a very appropriate speech, presented on behalf of the W.O.'s and Serjeants of the Depôt, to Sjt.-Major Groves, a Jacobean oak full Westminster chiming clock, suitably inscribed, and to R.S.M. Redhead, a gold albert, both presents being the particular choice of the recipients.

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Later on in the evening, he presented to R.S.M. Groves (for Mrs. Groves, who was unavoidably absent in Sheffield through sickness) a pair of bronze figures, and to Mrs. Redhead a travelling clock, both presents, likewise, being the particular choice

Q.M.S. LETCHFIELD, R.S.M. REDHEAD, SJT. MARRS, Q.M.S. WARDLE, SJT. CAMPBELL.
(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

of the recipients. These two presents were subscribed for by the married families of the Depôt, and others resident in barracks.

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The recipients responded to the toasts, and many memories of their long tour of duty at the Depôt were referred to.

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R.S.M. Redhead has been permitted to continue in the service for a further period of five years, to 3rd February, 1934.

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We also have to congratulate Q.M.S. F. Wilson on his appointment to R.Q.M.S. at the Depôt, *vice* R.S.M. Redhead promoted ; we hope he does not get mixed up too much with the coals.

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Lce.-Sjt. Graham has proceeded to Hythe for a Long Qualifying Course, and we hope he returns with a "Q.I.," more strength to his elbow.

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During January and February, as a result of a number of Courses being held at the Depôt for Territorial Non-Commissioned Officers, we have been favoured with the attachments of Sjt. Moore, from the 1st Battalion, C.S.M.'s Hurt, Hallion, D'Orey, Ratliffe and Blakey, from the Staffs of our Territorial

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Battalions. We hope, and believe, they will not forget their attachment in a hurry; many were the bright evenings spent in the Mess with their company.

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The arrangements for our Annual St. George's Ball are well in hand, and should these notes meet the eye of any ex-member of the Mess of any Battalion, who is not the recipient of an invitation to the Ball, kindly notify the President of the Mess, when an invitation will be forwarded.

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Rumours are afloat that we shall have the pleasure of a trip to York on St. George's Day this year, and many members of the Mess, not only Fifth Fusiliers, but our friends of the 68th, are looking forward to a visit and attendance at the 1st Battalion Serjeants' Ball. The only problem is how we shall get home?

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The Mess has been refurnished, re-decorated, and made comfortable, and many is the moan that some of us spend too much time in it.

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We hope to see many members of the 1st Battalion Serjeants' Mess—in fact, all of them—at our Annual Ball on Friday, 19th April, 1929.

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During the past three months, thanks to the Officials of the Newcastle Old Comrades' Association, we have added many ex-members of the Regiment to the honorary membership of the Mess, and we hope to bring in many more in the near future.

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We welcome Lce.-Sjt. Jamieson to the Mess, on his appointment to paid Lance-Serjeant, *vice* Fotherby, who proceeded to the 1st Battalion on 21st February, 1929, on completion of his tour of duty at the Depôt.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,
February, 1929.

IT is now some two months since any 5th Battalion Notes have appeared in the *Gazette*, but the correspondent has been finally run to earth, his 'phone No. ascertained, writs, summonses and threats have been forwarded, and at last a certain weak response, which we append below, has been obtained from him.

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The only excuse he had to offer was that he had been in hospital and could not recollect any incidents worth recording.

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The wheels of time have revolved slowly but evenly, and February and March find Headquarters gradually becoming galvanized into action. Courses have been held, Drills for Trained Men begin on March 7th, Company Commanders are beginning to overhaul and organize Companies, while preparations for an intensive Training Week are well advanced.

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Our strength is fairly satisfactory, being at present 18 Officers and 559 Other Ranks. Unfortunately there is a shortage of Subalterns, which it is hoped will be rectified before the season is over. Recruits are coming in slowly but steadily. Gosforth is especially to be congratulated, where nearly half a Company is in existence. Messrs. Ogden, Besley and Stephenson attended the Depôt on Monday, 28th January, in order to delude a certain Board of Examiners that they were possessed of sufficient knowledge to pass Part 1. (Practical) Certificate "A." We are pleased to state that the Examiners believed them.

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A Battalion Dance was held at Wallsend on Friday, 22nd February, some 200 being present. An enjoyable evening was spent, and we believe another is in prospect.

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A Dinner was held at Headquarters on Friday, the 15th, in order to welcome Brig.-General H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., as Honorary Colonel of the Battalion. Unfortunately the inclement weather prevented our guest from attending owing to the great depth of snow lying between Newcastle and Hexham. However, we hope that the General will be able to visit us at an early date.

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We are sorry to learn that Captain N. R. Rawson, R.A.M.C., one of our attached M.O.s, has had to go out to Canada because of Mrs. Rawson's health. We take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Rawson a speedy return to health and hope to see Captain Rawson amongst us before many moons have passed.

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A number of boxing shows have been held recently at Gosforth. While they have been more notable for keenness and enthusiasm rather than skill, some good fights have been witnessed, and some latent talent has been brought to light. In the Lightweight section Fus. Lowes was awarded a special Cup as a very good loser; in the Middle-weight section, Fus. Timney put up a good show and was just beaten on points in the final of the 50th Divisional Boxing Contest. Next month we hope to report these meetings more fully. It is intended to hold further contests as the season advances.

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A number of Courses have already been held at the Depôt, Newcastle, 8 Machine Gunners attended on a Course from the 14th to 19th January, 16 Lewis Gunners and 1 Cook attended from the 21st to the 26th January, 2 Section Leaders Courses were held on the 28th January and 4th February of a weeks' duration. An Elementary M.G. Course has also been held. We are indebted to the Adjutant, 5th Fusiliers Depôt, and the Depôt N.C.O.'s for their labours to increase our efficiency, and it is hoped that the fruits of their labours will be seen at Camp and during the Training Season.

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We welcome Mr. E. F. B. Middleton into the Battalion and trust that his stay with us will be long and profitable.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
February, 1929.

COLONEL His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales honoured our Mess by a personal visit on Wednesday, 30th January. It was the usual date for the Monthly Officers' Mess Dinner, and the Prince, accompanied by Lord Adare, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Alexander Leith, Bart., M.C., Sir

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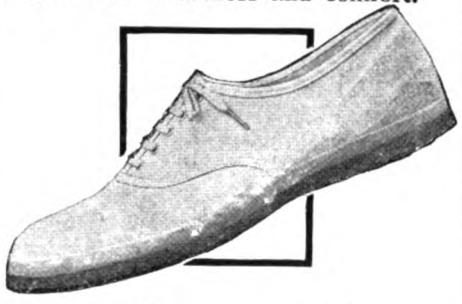

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Godfrey Thomas, and Captain R. Straker, M.C., arrived after dinner. We were pleased to have as guests at dinner that evening our Divisional Commander Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., and his Chief-of-Staff, Major K. Anderson, M.C.

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His Royal Highness stayed for over two hours with us, and the Officers were duly presented to him by our Commanding Officer.

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Our Guests at Dinner that evening in addition to the Divisional Commander and Major Anderson were :—

Colonel Eric Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., Lieut.-Colonel W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. (Commanding the 5th Battalion) ; Major P. Eustace Smith, M.C. of The Northumberland Hussars ; and Lieut. Trevor Fenwick, of the R.A.S.C.

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The Prince paid a visit to the Serjeants' Mess, where he was welcomed by R.S.M. O'Hara and numerous members of the Mess. A photograph of His Royal Highness, which has been in the Mess for some time and was the gift of Serjt. Dixon, was signed by His Royal Highness as a souvenir of the visit, and the Prince consented to become an Honorary Member of the Mess, and accepted the usual Membership Card.

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We are proud to think that the Prince had an opportunity of seeing the Officers' Mess, and the Serjeants' Mess as they appear on ordinary evenings, and are honoured to feel that in a visit to the North so full of crowded incidents, His Royal Highness found time to show his appreciation for the work of a Territorial Unit.

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The honour will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present, and to the whole Battalion it will prove a fitting and further stimulus towards the qualities of self-sacrifice and service which have long been the characteristic achievement of His Royal Highness.

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Since the Royal Visit, we have received a signed photograph of His Royal Highness, together with a letter from Sir Godfrey Thomas sending the photograph on behalf of His Royal Highness, " as a souvenir of a very pleasant evening spent amongst us."

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The Winter Training Programme has begun and we hope that the Winter has ceased. The last message on the Wireless with the prospect of further depressions from Scandinavia, leave us literally cold and we hope the presence of gas fires in the Mens' Room, and the new Corporals' Mess, will help to exclude anything near the last anti-cyclone which penetrated all parts and even froze the tips of the billiard cues.

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The Corporals' Mess should be a going concern at an early date. The room looks convenient and should easily be made comfortable. Thanks to Colonel Robert Stephenson, and his friends, a reasonable sum has been advanced to provide some furniture, and accessories, to make the place fit for the heroes whom we hope to see as its inhabitants.

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The Mens' Room, too, will be vastly improved as this is now being converted into an established Club. This involves considerable changes—some the cruel necessities of the law, and some the natural adjustment of more complete administration. The greatest loss we shall feel will be the departure of Sjt. and Mrs. Milburn, who for so many years have controlled the destinies of the Men's Room. Their task has been by no means easy, and has involved attendance on all evenings and in all weathers. Efficiency and tact has never been wanting, and the work in bad times has been very much uphill to popularise an organisation that few could afford to patronise. Still, the new Rules dictate that an " all-time " Steward is required, and as Sjt. Milburn does not feel equal to this task, another must follow. We part from both Mrs. Milburn and Sjt. Milburn with every sense of regret, and hope that they will both long continue their associations with the Battalion.

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The new Club will mean, we expect, that the Room will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 10.0 p.m. Liquor will only be sold during the usual licensed hours, and a subscription of 1d. per month (payable in Camp) will be expected from each Serving member. Honorary members (*i.e.*, ex-members of the Battalion) will be welcome on payment of (1) an entrance fee of 1s., and (2) a subscription of 1s. per annum.

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The Rules are lengthy, and the above are only two main extracts, but full information will be duly published. We ask the Battalion (including members of the Serjeants' and Corporals' Messes) to support our new Club, which we are convinced will do much to foster a good Fusilier spirit.

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Several Courses have been, and are still being, held at the Depôt, and we hope much valuable instruction, always imparted with so much care, will bear fruit in the Battalion. We notice among the Courses are one for Cooks, and they, we hope, will be taught other duties than Cross-Country Running, which seems to be their speciality in the 1st Battalion (*vide* last month's *Gazette*).

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In our own Drill Hall the Senior N.C.O.'s Course, under the Regimental Serjeant-Major, has just come to an end, and has been well attended in spite of really Arctic evenings.

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The Section Leading Courses are due to begin this week, and all who are summoned must pay careful attention to their Company's prospects of winning the Winter Training Cup, which will be awarded for the best attendances at all courses and drills.

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Some method of deleting " D " Company from competition for the Duke's Cup has been artfully thought out by the War Office, and the conversion of this Company into a Machine Gun Company next year, will give the Battalion Authorities some anxiety in the methods of awarding the Cup. We have no doubt that a satisfactory scheme will soon be forthcoming that will satisfy all our Anglo-American Officers.

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" D " Company's duties will not be light, but knowing them as we do, we feel they will enter into the spirit of the change for which they have been carefully chosen. We hope all ranks will respond to the rather strenuous effort of learning a more-or-less new weapon.

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Boxing.

Our popular contest with our friends from H.M.S. *Helicon*, unfortunately, has had to be postponed, as so many of the sailors are on cruises on the High Seas. We feel they have at all events a moral victory to their credit for such undertakings in such weather, and had there been a Cup we would certainly have sent it after them.

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On Thursday, the 31st January, Capt. Rutherford, as a Welter-weight in the Officers' Contest, and Fus. W. Gullon (as a Bantam-weight) were invited to represent the Northern Command team at Catterick against the Aldershot Signals, who had sent up a very strong side, and eventually won by 15 points to 12.

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Capt. Rutherford, unfortunately, had very short notice, and was hardly fit enough for a very alert opponent. Capt. Rutherford, however, gave a very finished exhibition, and one would have liked to see the fight again with both Officers equally trained. Capt. B. B. Kennett (his opponent), of the 1st Bn. Royal Corps of Signals, who won on points, is the Egyptian and Aldershot Command Welter-weight Champion.

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Fus. Gullon's part in fighting at a weight that was not really his, was a particularly fine exhibition, and to many he appeared to have won on points, but the extra round ordered by the Referee ended in a victory for his opponent, Signalman R. Hogg, an exceptionally hard hitter.

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We desire to thank the Officers and all Other Ranks of the Royal Corps of Signals at Catterick for the kindness and attention they showed to our Representatives, and to Colonel Osborne, the Commanding Officer of the R.C.S., for his much valued appreciation of the Battalion's efforts. It was an experience to see again a crowd of several thousand Officers and Men, and most pleasing to see the sporting way in which both winners and losers were greeted by the spectators.

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Our strength is at present 20 Officers and 555 Other Ranks. Recruits are wanted, and we appeal to each member of the Battalion to find at least one friend and to bring him as early as possible. The more efficient a recruit is the easier and pleasanter will be his life in camp.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

26th February, 1929.

LITTLE by little we are gaining strength, and we total to-day 530 Other Ranks. During January and February 66 recruits have been raised—13 at Alnwick, 16 at Morpeth, 29 at Ashington, 8 at Berwick, which includes the outlying detachments of Chatton and Wooler.

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By the time these notes appear our Quartermaster, Lieut. C. Adlard, M.M., will have severed his connection with the 7th Battalion, after seven years. Mr. Adlard is leaving to take up employment under the Northumberland County Council.

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Adlard joined the FIFTH in 1900, and served with the 3rd Battalion in South Africa. He also took part in the Mohmand Expedition in 1908, and during the Great War served with the 1st Battalion overseas.

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He wears the Military Medal, the Queen's Medal for South Africa, the North-West Frontier Medal, and the G.S. and Victory Medals for the Great War, in addition to the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He has served with the Regiment in all for 27 years. All will join in wishing this Old Fusilier and his family success, happiness and prosperity in the future.

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Mr. C. J. J. Samwell is taking over the duties of Quartermaster, and we hope that he and his family will enjoy many happy years with this Battalion.

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Bitter winter weather is at the moment limiting our mobility and, indeed, cramping all our facilities. The river Aln is frozen over at Alnwick, and skating was in progress all last week.

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The blizzard has renewed itself to-day with increased intensity, and deep snow on the roads is curtailing movement.

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Despite such precautions as could be taken, the heating installations in the Drill Halls have suffered considerable damage, and evening drills are being carried out under conditions of great discomfort.

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Amongst other victims of the " Flu " epidemic the Commanding Officer has gone down and has been out of action for ten days. The latest bulletin, however, is more favourable, and we hope to see Colonel Robson about again in a day or two.

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The foundations for our Machine Gun Company for 1930 are being steadily laid. A voluntary class of 23 is attending regularly at Berwick, the Company Commander, the P.S.I., and 15 Other Ranks have recently attended M.G. Courses at the Depôt, and the Machine Gun Serjeant goes to the 1st Battalion at York to be refreshed in March. In all, then, 40 of all Ranks have been introduced to the Vickers Gun since Christmas, not including such survivors as still remain to the 1928 M.G. Platoon.

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We are glad to welcome back 2nd-Lieut. W. S. Sanderson, who has been in Rhodesia for a year for health reasons. He looks very fit and hearty.

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We have to-day received from an enterprising Depôt Commander a batch of coupons for a most intriguing competition. The general idea is to raise shillings for the Aid Society, and the special idea provides mysterious riddles—riddles with no earthly solutions. All work ceased in the 7th Battalion area from the minute these . . . things arrived, and shows no signs as yet of being resumed.

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If any reader knows the answer to this one :—

" Described by famous Roman poet,
I really wonder if you know it,"

without straining the bounds of propriety, he should apply to Headquarters, Alnwick, or the Depôt, for entrance papers. Entrance fee, 1/–, and we hope everyone will help.

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Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
February, 1929.

WE are, at the suggestion of some of our readers, starting an innovation in this number. This takes the form of a Sale and Exchange Advertisement column. The charge for an advertisement in this column will be at the rate of 2s. 6d. for 5 lines and less, and 6d. for each line above 5 lines. We hope it will prove useful to those who desire to part (lawfully !!) with any kit, live stock, or what-not. Advertisers desiring to preserve their anonimity can use an Editorial box No. at an additional charge of 6d. to defray postage. The first advertisement appears in this number.

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That His Majesty the King should have been so graciously pleased to have installed a workless Durham miner into his Sandringham Estate, with residence and occupation as a hand on the Estate, is an act of thoughtfulness and interest in the working community, which commands the nation's pride—but to none more so than the Comrades of his old Regiment will this honour appeal.

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Mr. Edward Stoker, the Sunderland miner, who has now been provided with a means of livelihood, served with the 5th Fusiliers and the West Yorkshire Regiment during the Great War. He re-enlisted, after the war, into the FIFTH, being allotted the Army Number 4257698, and came abroad with the 2nd Battalion, serving with " D " Company in Mesopotamia and in India at Dinapore and Fyzabad.

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He left Fyzabad for discharge in November, 1923, holding the rank of Serjeant.

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That Stoker was a keen worker and gifted with undoubted ability, is demonstrated by his having held the appointment of Battalion Lewis Gun Serjeant over a number of years whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion.

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Mrs. Stoker and children will be remembered by all old hands of the 2nd Battalion, for there was no happier little body who helped more to make the social life of the Battalion a success. Hill Stations of Lebong and Jalapahar conjure pleasant recollections.

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All ranks, we are sure, will join us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stoker success in their new home, and many happy days to enjoy the Royal Privilege.

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Another 5th Fusilier who is to be congratulated, and to whom go the good wishes of his comrades, is late Fusilier Lewis, better known perhaps as " Taffy " Lewis, who acted as guide to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Winlanton. Through the intervention of His Royal Highness, Lewis, who had been out of work for three years, has now got employment.

Subscriptions due in March :—

Mrs. Carr-Ellison
Lieut. H. Hopper
Major H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.
Col. G. Russell
Mr. J. Twigg

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker
Mrs. Arkwright
Capt. C. R. L. English

Sale and Exchange.

Advertiser wishes to dispose of a number of bound volumes of *St. George's Gazettes*, dating from 1891 to 1914.—Apply Box A1, c/o Editor, *St. George's Gazette.*

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

Surrey Constabulary,
Guildford,
18th February, 1929.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have just returned from Gibraltar, and while there I thought I would try to find some record of the disastrous fire by which the FIFTH lost their Colours and all their Mess plate. Eventually I turned up in the Library a copy of the *Gibraltar Chronicle*, dated April 27th, 1833, in which I found the following entry :—

" A fire broke out on Wednesday (April 24th) night between 9 and 10 o'clock, in the Officers' Quarters, No. 17, on the Lime Wall, which consumed the whole of the premises, but happily owing to the alacrity and exertions of the troops, the Officers and crew of H.M.S. *Guardian*, and the Police Establishment, no further damage was sustained.

" His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor was pleased to express his satisfaction with the conduct and zeal which he witnessed, and in a general order has returned his thanks to all who were employed on the occasion."

The report is a meagre one, but I thought you might like it for the *Gazette*. I hope that the fact that the fire occurred the day after St. George's Day, had nothing to do with it!

Yours faithfully,
M. L. SANT.

Orders found in an Australian M.G. Position.

1. This position will be held, and the Section will remain here until relieved.
2. The enemy cannot be allowed to interfere with this position.
3. If the Section cannot remain here alive, it will remain here dead, but in any case it will remain here.
4. Should any man through shell shock or any cause attempt to surrender, he will remain here dead.
5. Should all guns be blown up, the Section will use Mills Grenades and other novelties.
6. Finally, the position will be held as stated.

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Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

22nd February, 1929.

THE Association held their usual monthly Meeting at St. George's Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 20th February, 1929. Experience has taught us that, at the present time, whilst we are earnestly engaged in consolidating the foundations of the Association, the first three-quarters of an hour of any meeting is an extremely busy time for the Committee. This meeting proved no exception to that rule. Thanks to the co-operation of all members of the Committee, it was possible at one and the same time to :—

(1) Enrol new members and collect subscriptions.

(2) Commence the compilation of the Association's Unemployment Register.

(3) Select a team to represent the Association *v.* Old Coldstreamers' Association at Football.

(4) Enrol members for the Association's Band.

There must have been two hundred persons present when the Chair was taken by Mr. C. Mercer (Chairman), at 8.15 p.m. The following programme was then rendered :—

CONCERT PROGRAMME.

1.	*Song*	Mr. Vincent
2.	*Song*	Mr. Wetherett
3.	*Song*	Mr. Patterson
4.	*Monologue*	S/Sjt. H. Rowe
5.	*Comedian* ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Letchfield

INTERVAL.

6.	*Song*	Mr. Fisk
7.	*Song*	Mr. Patterson
8.	*Illusionist*	Mr. E. W. Gosman
9.	*Song*	Mr. Wetherett
10.	*Monologue*	S/Sjt. H. Rowe
11.	*Comedian* ..	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Letchfield
12.	*Song*	R.S.M. O'Hara
13.	*Song*	Mr. Young

The above programme proved very popular, and the performers are to be congratulated on their efforts. If the writer may be permitted to voice a personal opinion, it was very gratifying to note that Mr. Gosman (late 1st Bn. St. George's Minstrels' Troupe) has by no means forgotten the art of legerdemain, and Q.M.S. (O.R.S) Letchfield, of the Depôt Durham Light Infantry (he who is never allowed to go on parade, owing to lack of space on the Barrack Square), with his song, "I'm an Airman," cannot be described otherwise than as being "a perfect scream."

The Association's thanks are due to the Sub-Committee, consisting of Mr. Mower, Mr. Young, and the Hon. Secretary, for all their hard work in arranging the concert. A little organisation counts for much. It is to be hoped that any sub-committees appointed in the future for a similar purpose will draw an object lesson from this entertainment.

During the interval, Lt.-Colonel W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., (Commanding 1st Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers, now stationed at York) was introduced to the Meeting by the Chairman.

Colonel Herbert, in a brief speech, thanked the Association for having invited him to attend the Meeting, and expressed his pleasure at being called upon to present Badges to Members. He said that he was more accustomed to talking to a squad of recruits than to such a large gathering of Old Comrades, but that when talking to recruits, he invariably reminded them of the importance of living up to the King's uniform.

He hoped very much that the Members of the Association would look upon the Association's Badge as a Badge of the Regiment, and that just as when they were serving soldiers they did not disgrace the Badge of the Regiment, so now, as Old Comrades they would live up to the Badge of the Association..

In conclusion the speaker expressed his sincere regret at the enormous amount of unemployment now prevalent on the Tyneside, and hoped that all the more fortunate members of the Association would make every effort to help to find employment for their less fortunate Comrades.

Colonel Herbert then presented some 35 members with their Badges.

At the conclusion of the Concert the Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Herbert for having come all the way from York to attend the Meeting. Mr. Fisk seconded the proposal.

After musical honours had been rendered, Colonel Herbert in replying thanked all those present for the splendid reception which had been accorded him, and expressed the hope that as many of them as possible would visit York on St. George's Day, when he could assure them a very warm welcome. (Applause).

Amongst Honorary Members attending for the first time were, Capt. T. Bennett, M.C., Capt. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., and Capt. J. H. Maynard.

The Rest of the News.

There are to-date (22/2/29) 73 fully paid up members, 125 partially paid members, and 120 others who have signified their intention of joining.

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Mr. Young has been selected a Member of the Executive Committee.

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Balance Credit (Cash and Bank) £31 16s. 2d.

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A Whist Drive has been arranged to take place on Friday, 8th March, 1929.

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The Committee have decided that as far as possible Badges will invariably be presented by some suitable person, appointed by the Committee, but if it is known that a Member will be unable to attend a Meeting, that the Hon. Treasurer be authorised to issue a Badge to the Hon. Secretary with a view to its despatch to the said Member.

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The Committee have assumed that all Officers who have sent donations to the Association were desirous of becoming Members. Badges have been sent by post to all Officers who have sent donations.

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The Committee have appointed Mr. Fisk to make every effort to form an O.C.A. Band.

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The Committee are very grateful to the Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Young for having so kindly provided 24 copies of *St. George's Gazette* at the General Meeting, held on 20th February, 1929.

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The Committee have accepted the kind invitation of Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, and all ranks of the 1st Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers, for members of the Association to witness the Trooping of the Colour on St. George's Day. Further details will be notified later.

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The first Re-Union Dinner of the Association has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, 27th April, 1929.

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In view of the fact that many Members will be unable to visit the 1st Battalion at York on St. George's Day (a Tuesday this year), the Association will take part in the Depôt, St. George's Day Parade, to be held on Sunday, 21st April, 1929. Further details will be notified later.

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A football match between the Association and the Old Coldstreamers' Association has been arranged to take place at the Depôt on Saturday, 2nd February, 1929. The Vice-President (Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C.) has very kindly consented to kick-off.

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The Committee are very grateful to the following for Bankers' Orders of £1 each :—Major B. T. St. John, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt.

Obituary.

We much regret to have to record the death of No. 410 Fusilier Smith, who died at the Gateshead Union. Unfortunately we are not in a position to be able to give a record of this fine soldier's service. There is, however, no doubt that he was the veteran member of the Association, and, appropriately enough, was the first Old Comrade to pay his subscription. Since the Association's first formation he never missed attending a meeting, and was most enthusiastic with regard to the activities of the Association. As far as we can learn, he left no relatives. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 20th February, 1929. The Depôt provided a Drummer and Firing Party. Four Old Comrades (Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Mower, and Mr. Sullivan) were the bearers. It is believed that "410 Smith" (as he was popularly known to members of the Association) enlisted in 1874, and was discharged about 1890. The Association sent a wreath.

London Area.

Headquarters :

THE VETERANS' CLUB, HAND COURT, HOLBORN, W.C. 1.

Sixth Annual Report, 1928.

The Association can again congratulate itself upon a successful year in every branch of its activities, despite discouraging circumstances, chief among which is the continued unemployment which presses so hard on many of its members.

Membership.—The roll shows an increase of 39 on 1927.

There are now 80 Officer members, 183 Other Ranks (including honorary members), and 110 lady members (wives and relatives of past and present Fusiliers). 16 Other Ranks members have resigned, and 3 lady members ; while 2 Officer members, 1 Other Rank member, and 1 lady member have died during the past year.

St. George's Day.—Over 300 members and guests attended the Annual Ball, held on the evening of Tuesday, 24th April, at the Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons, T.A., Elverton Street, Westminster. The rooms were decorated with the Regimental colours and red and white roses, and dancing to an excellent Band was kept up until an early hour next morning. The usual St. George's Day muster took place on the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, on Sunday morning, 22nd April, the day preceding St. George's Day. Some 250 members, wearing red and white roses, paraded and marched to the Cenotaph, where a wreath decorated with the colours of the Regiment was deposited by Brigadier-General B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G. The majority of those present attended a rendezvous afterwards at the headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires in the Strand.

Re-union Dinner.—The Annual Re-union Dinner was held at The Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, on the night of Armistice Day, 11th November. Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment and Patron of the Association, presided, and upwards of 230 members and guests attended. A full report of the speeches and arrangements appeared in the *St. George's Gazette*. A large number of old Officers attended, among whom were Colonel W. Dashwood, Lord Redesdale, Lt.-Col. E. B. Gordon. Mr. R. Ahronson acted as toast master in the regretted absence of Mr. G. Redhead, owing to ill health.

Entertainments.—Dances, concerts and other entertainments were organised throughout the year at The Veteran's Club. The attendance at these showed a marked improvement, a result for which the Association is mainly indebted to the zeal and energy of Mr. R. Ahronson and those associated with him, including Mr. W. H. Matthews, and Mr. J. Western, who acted as M.C.'s.

Employment Section.—Assistance has been rendered to 47 members, and actual employment found for 3. An appeal is shortly to be organized with respect to unemployed members, and full particulars will be given as to the members, and kind of employment sought.

The Association desires to acknowledge the assistance and co-operation it has received from the Officers Commanding the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and the Depôt, who furnish all men about to leave the Colours, and likely to reside in or near London

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with full particulars of its activities and address. Lt.-Col. Herbert (1st Batt.) has presented the Association with a St. George's flag, which is very much appreciated when displayed at the various social functions, and will be used at the Cenotaph Parade.

The Officers of all Battalions of the Regiment, Regular, Militia, Territorial and Service, continued to render to the Association valued and unstinted support.

The following deaths occurred among members during the year :—Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., Col. C. G. C. Money, C.B., Mr. (late Col.-Sjt.) G. Bristow and Mrs. A. H. Harkness.

Tribute is due to the untiring work of the members of the Committee : Capt. J. T. Rowland, (Chairman) ; Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., ; Mr. P. Maydon ; Mr. W. H. Matthews ; Mrs. M. Broad ; Mr. J. A. Jeffs ; Mr. R. Ahronson ; Mr. F. Feeney ; Mr. W. Lees ; Mr. G. Redhead, and to the Honorary Secretary and Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Morgan, for their indispensable services throughout the year.

The Association welcomes the recent institution of its Sister Association in the Newcastle area. The two associations will be able to work together in mutual accord, for the benefit of all ex-Fusiliers and the continuance in civil life among their respective personnel of the proud traditions of the Regiment which it is their object to foster and preserve.

Arrangements for 1929.

Arrangements have already been made for the parade and wreath ceremony on Sunday, 21st April.

The Committee are in process of arranging for the St. George's Day Ball.

The Re-union Dinner will again be held at the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, on the evening of Armistice Day, 11th November, when it is hoped to surpass the records of attendance of the last six years.

Among new members are Capt. R. Brown (1st Bn.) and Mr. (late Sjt.) C. Carson (1st and 4th Battalions). Mr. (late Bdsmn.) J. Dencer has signified his intention of joining when he visits this country from the Colonies during the summer, and that he would be glad to meet again all Fusiliers with whom he served.

Press notifications of the fixtures of the Association are now published regularly in the following papers :—*The Army List, News of the World, The People,* and *British Legion.*

Lieut.-Col. C. P. HAWKES, *President.*
H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Sixth Annual General Meeting was held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1929.

Present.—Brigadier-General G. L. H. Armstrong, C.B., Col. D. Sapte, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Lt.-Col. E. Louis Fawcas, Capt. J. Langley, and about 60 Comrades.

We welcomed amongst us Lt.-Col. E. Louis Fawcas, Capt. J. Langley, for the first time, and trust they were impressed at all concerned by their efforts to foster the *esprit-de-corps* of the FIFTH in this great city, and hope to see more of them.

Election of Officers.—The whole of the Officers and Committee for 1928 offered their services for the current year, and were unanimously re-elected *en bloc.*

The Hon. Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte, mentioned the favourable financial position of the Association, to which we owe a deal for the splendid support of the Officers.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Ahronson :—

"That a vote of thanks be passed for the splendid services rendered by Col. D. Sapte, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, to the O.C.A. for the past year."

Mr. P. Maydon proposed :—

"That a vote of thanks be recorded for the Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary for their services through 1929,"

mentioning the volume of work which had to be done to further the Association.

Mr. H. I. Morgan (the Hon. Secretary), in reply, thanked the members for their appreciation, and said that he would continue to do his utmost to further the Association ; also pointed out the great assistance he had received from the Committee.

Mention was made of the number of members who were unemployed, and that the Secretary was about to launch an appeal together with particulars of those unemployed, and that he looked to them for their co-operation and support in his efforts to solve this great problem.

Invitation to the 1st Battalion for St. George's Day.—A letter was then read by the Hon. Secretary, which had been received from the Regimental Serjeant-Major, J. H. Rowsell, inviting all W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s as their guests, mentioning that he would be prepared to take names after the meeting.

Next General Meeting.—Will be held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 15th April, 1929. Particulars will be circulated later.

St. George's Day and Wreath Ceremony.—Arrangements are being pushed forward for St. George's Day celebrations, which will be held at the same rendezvous as last year, namely the Headquarters, The Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, Westminster.

The Wreath Ceremony at the Cenotaph.—Will be carried out on Sunday, the 21st April, and the programme will be on similar lines to those of last year, with the exception that we shall have our new O.C.A. flag on parade for the first time.

Full particulars will be furnished in due course, and it is hoped that members will support the efforts of the Special Committee of which Mr. P. Maydon is chairman, and also the Hon. Secretary, to bring you all together at least once a year.

Last year 300 present at the St. George's Day function, and 250 on the Cenotaph Parade. We want to beat this record.

Good accounts are being received from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch as to its progress.

Yours faithfully,
H. I. MORGAN.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending 31st December, 1928.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions—Officers' (through Treasurer, £79 4s. 9d. ; through Secretary, £1 14s.)	80	18	9
,, Subscriptions—Other Ranks (through Secretary)	21	18	0
,, Special Grant from 3rd Battalion	18	9	9
,, Hon. Treasurer—Bank Charges	0	5	0
,, Sale of Badges from Stock	2	18	6
,, Sale of Roses from Stock	3	0	9
	£127	10	9

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EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Bank charges		0 5 0
,, St. George's Day Roses A/c. ..		1 17 0
,, St. George's Day Expenses ..	21 14 2	
Less Tickets sold	1 3 0	
		20 11 2
,, Annual Dinner Expenses ..	65 3 2	
Less Tickets sold	51 15 0	
(4 lost in post)		13 8 2
,, General Meeting Expenses ..	15 7 10	
Less Tickets sold	1 13 0	
		13 14 10
,, Printing and Stationery ..		9 6 0
,, Postages, Telephones, etc. ..		12 18 1
,, Miscellaneous Expenses, viz. :—		
Balance due to Secretary ..	0 18 2½	
Advertising	0 12 0	
St. George's Gazette, Royal Hospital and Veterans' Club	0 12 0	
Committee Meeting Expenses	2 12 2	
Auditors' Fees, 1928 Audit	2 2 0	
Veterans' Tobacco ..	0 16 0	
,, Hon. Secretary's Honorarium ..	10 0 0	
Wreaths (deceased Comrades)	1 18 6	
		19 10 10½
,, Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure, 1928		35 19 7½
		£127 10 9

We hereby certify the above Income and Expenditure Account to be in accordance with the Books, Vouchers, and Pass Book.

(Signed) MESSRS. CLINKETT, OLIVE & Co.
Chartered Accountants.

44, Bedford Row,
Holborn, W.C. 1.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1928.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.
Due to the Hon. Secretary	0 19 11½
To Balance Credit of Fund	117 0 8½
	£118 0 8

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash at Bank—Hon. Treasurer ..	108 19 8	
Cash in hand—Hon Treasurer ..	nil	
		108 19 8
Stock of Roses		0 14 0
Stock of Badges		2 2 0
Typewriter		5 10 0
Printing Set		0 5 0
Stationery		0 10 0
		£118 0 8

Feeding the Crew of an Aeroplane with Shredded Wheat.

DURING the recent world's record-breaking flight of the "Question-mark," it had frequently to receive fresh supplies of petrol from a "feeder" aeroplane which would fly just over the "Question-mark" and pour petrol into her whilst she was going at eighty miles an hour. Oil was delivered in the same way.

It was by this means that the aeroplane was kept going day after day and enabled her to break all records for long flights.

It is also of interest to know that the crew had Shredded Wheat and oranges sent down to them in baskets from the "feeder" aeroplane whilst in flight. Shredded Wheat has always proved itself the best food to give strength and stamina for long endurance tests. It is always ready and needs no preparation.

Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Hard times are now the rule in Northumberland and our Funds are exhausted.

Many Fusiliers need assistance. Will you please help?

Donations will be gratefully received by

Hon. Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Australia.

WHAT a wonderful place Australia must be! We all know of its marvellous wool yields, of its limitless wheat fields, of its great fertile irrigation areas growing peaches for canning and grapes for drying into sultanas and raisins, but thereafter our knowledge seems to diminish.

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It will be news to many of us to know that this year Australia is producing 543,700 tons of sugar, of which about 527,000 tons will come from the great cane fields of Queensland where Britons have demonstrated that in a healthy climate—even if it is hot—a white man can take pleasure in working hard and can be healthy and prosper.

It also comes as a surprise to know that Australia is forging ahead as a rice producing country. Last year 12,055 acres in the irrigation areas were sown with rice, the crop amounting to about 20,000 tons of paddy rice. This year it is intended to sow 16,000 acres so that the irrigation areas of the Dominion will be capable of providing for the whole of Australia's requirements of rice, which amount to about 24,000 tons of paddy rice per annum.

Not the least satisfactory thought produced by this record is that these, and all other Australian industries, are British, and that every home dependent upon them in Australia is British, and the Australians never tire of hoping that all the new settlers who may come to take part in the further development of the great island continent will be British.

The Association of Service Newspapers:

Result of Advertising Competition.

THE Committee of the Association set out below the result of the Advertising Competition which appeared in Service Journals during recent months.

It has proved very much more successful than was originally anticipated, and it is felt that it will be of real benefit to the Advertisers in that it has focussed the attention of readers on the commodities they have for sale.

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Result of Voting.

1.	Player's	14,758
2.	Crosse and Blackwell	11,281
3.	N.A.A.F.I.	8,806
4.	Wills's Gold Flake	6,434
5.	"O.K." Sauce	5,811
6.	Gillette	5,472
7.	Bryant and May's	5,208

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Two competitors were successful in estimating the placing of the whole six advertisements, and divide the first and second prizes, receiving £20 each :—

C. A. Gunston,
130, Station Road,
Hendon, N.W. 4.
(*H.A.C. Journal.*)

Pte. J. Brittain,
R.A.S.C. Headquarters, Canal Brigade,
Moascar, Egypt.
(*R.A.S.C. Journal.*)

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The third prize is divided between

Sjt. F. Firth,
7th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.,
Drill Hall, Milnsbridge.
(*Iron Duke.*)

Pte. W. Mayle,
2nd Bn. Royal West Kent Regt.,
H.Q. Wing,
Fort George, Guernsey.
(*Queen's Own Gazette*).

These receive £2 10s. each.

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Further prizes of £1 each have been distributed to the following competitors :—

Pte. C. Adcock,
No. 5768452, 1st Bn. Norfolk Regt.,
Great Western Camp,
Shanghai, China.
(*Britannia.*)

Mrs. A. H. Graham,
Weedon, Northants.
(*R.A.O.C. Gazette.*)

Sjt. E. C. Jerram,
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers,
Victoria Barracks, Belfast.
(*Sprig of Shillelagh.*)

Mrs. Jerram,
Victoria Barracks, Belfast.
(*Sprig of Shillelagh.*)

Pte. W. A. Steed,
2nd Bn. Royal Tank Corps,
Pinehurst Barracks,
Farnborough, Hants.
(*Royal Tank Corps Journal.*)

Lce.-Cpl. J. Whittaker,
Tank Gunnery School,
West Lulworth, Dorset.
(*Royal Tank Corps Journal.*)

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The Committee have also decided to distribute a further 21 Consolation Prizes to the following :—

Sig. F. Aveling, Royal Corps of Signals, Catterick Camp.
Bdsmn. E. Bromley, 1st Bn. The Welch Regt., Gosport, Hants.
Q.M.S. Wm. Brown, R.G.A., Portsmouth.
Pte. L. A. Cole, K.S.L.I., Shrewsbury.
Band-Sjt. F. Cousins, 2nd Hampshire Regt., B.A.O.R.
Pte. H. Chapman, 1st Loyal's, "A" Coy., Trimulgherry, India.
Pte. D. Chedgey, "C" Coy., 1st Bn. Somerset L.I., Kowloon, Hongkong.
Dmr. G. W. Franklin, 1st Hampshire Regt., Multan, Punjab.
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DEATHS.

KEITH-FALCONER.—On 4th March, 1929, at Hampton Court Palace, Georgina, widow of Lieut.-Col. Cecil Keith-Falconer, 5th Fusiliers.

GRÆME.—On 11th March, 1929, at 3, Suffolk Square, Cheltenham, Lieut.-Col. Charles de Jersey Græme, of Garvock, late 5th Fusiliers (in his 87th year).

EXTRACT from *The London Gazette*:—

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officer, under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 13th October, 1920:—

4th Bn.—Hon. Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E.

7th Bn.—C. J. J. Samwell to be Lieut. (Quartermaster) (dated 1st March).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
March, 1929.

LAST month we ended up on a wintry note. Still more or less snugly esconced in winter quarters, we shunned the cold, inhospitable outer world. Now, however, there are definite signs of our beginning to emerge, and collective training has already begun. True, we have not yet altogether finished with cold weather and its effects. The plumbers are still plumbing in barracks. It is still quite cold at times. A prodigious winter exercise has recently taken place. The incubators of the education department are working full blast in the hopes of hatching out a late brood of 1st and 2nd Class Certificates before we temporarily desert the school for the training area.

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Nevertheless, there are definite signs of Spring already in the air. Why else should O.C.'s "W" and "Y" Companies have recently been seen making mysterious excursions into the country armed with maps of the area allotted for company training? What else would induce them to pore over neatly ruled sheets of foolscap, dividing up the current month into hours, days and weeks, and filling up the spaces with "lessons," each neatly labelled with the appropriate chapter and verse of Section heading or Infantry Training?

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In short, "W" and "Y" Companies have already begun Company Training, "X" and M.G. Companies begin on 1st April. Owing to a re-allotment of areas the first fortnight's training is to be done in the close vicinity of barracks on somewhat limited and featureless ground, a fact which will doubtless cause more than one company commander to cast back a regretful glance to the Green Hill at Ballykinlar, with its general usefulness for all phases of the grand tactics of the company, or platoon.

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The beginning of Company Training is not the only portent of Spring. The other day, without any apparent warning, the barrack square was invaded by an army of sixteen R.E. labourers, armed with brooms, who proceeded to Spring-clean it. They evidently meant to be thorough in their work. In order that the sweeping should be unremitting throughout every moment of the day, they apparently organised themselves in relays of two's, the odd fourteen resting whilst the two working swept away like anything. The result was that sweeping never flagged, and in the short space of about a week, these sixteen men, unaided, had covered the square with neatly ordered heaps of dust, all arranged in orderly rows like stooks in a cornfield. Once these were carted away the square was really a joy to the most exacting sergeant-major. You could have eaten your dinner off it. We were duly grateful and said so. They hastened to assure us, however, that they hadn't nearly finished yet—indeed, they were only just beginning. Spring was here, bringing with it the approach of the end of the financial year. They had money left to spend, and we were to be the fortunate ones to benefit. When they had really finished, we were told, we should have a square absolutely second to none in the kingdom.

Next day they appeared with a fearsome-looking engine, and proceeded to cover it (the square, not the engine) with tar. We watched with no small degree of satisfaction, picturing the grand parade ground we should have for St. George's Day. Slowly, but surely, the square was covered with tar. The process was slow. About the third day of tarring it was noticed that the R.S.M. was visibly losing weight It appears that every time he measured the square and painted white spots on it for a St. George's Day rehearsal, the R.E. came and blacked them out with tar. So far the R.E.'s have definitely won the first round, and we await the R.S.M.'s counter-measures with interest. That engine produced prodigious quantities of tar. Next, we thought, will come the tiny splinters of granite, or whatever the stuff is, then the roller, and after that we shall be completely set up.

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But what is this? Cartload after cartload of some mineral arrives, some of it greyish, some greenish, some brownish, and it is strewn in great patches over the square. Nor is it the finely ground splinters we expected, but there are lumps, almost boulders of it. It doesn't seem right, but the workmen appear quite unconcerned. Some new process, perhaps? Eventually the whole square is covered with greyish, greenish or brownish patches. No roller has arrived. We are beginning to get uneasy about it. The whole square looks like a gigantic piece of crazy paving. We could at least play hockey on it before they began. Now it is impossible. We are not however, entirely without hope. The other day in the midst of this boulder-strewn waste someone was noticed very strenuously wandering over it picking up lumps, first a greyish one, then a greenish one, then a brownish one. Then he disappeared as mysteriously as he came. Some thought he must be an interested geologist intent upon the analysis of a hitherto undiscovered stratum, but it has since transpired that he was an officer of the Corps of Royal Engineers. His behaviour certainly appeared a little eccentric, but his presence has served to encourage us in the belief that all may yet be well and we shall have a square for St. George's Day after all.

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To leave the barrack square and return to the subject of Spring, we may record here that almost the entire Officers' Mess, together with some friends, journeyed to Aintree by special saloon to see the National. They had a crowded, but very thrilling day. Nobody lost much money because there was such a crowd that it was almost impossible to get it on on the course. Nobody made much, and perhaps Mr. Threlfall, who signalised his first sweepstake in the Regiment by winning it, was the most successful financially.

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The coming months promise to be busy ones. What with Company Training, St. George's Day, a Tattoo (for which preparations are already afoot) in York, apparently running concurrently with our Musketry Course at Strensall seven miles from York, followed by Battalion then Brigade Training, it appears unlikely that, once fairly launched, we shall pause to take breath before Autumn is again upon us. There are moreover Race Meetings in York to be thought of. At the moment it rather appears that when at least two meetings take place we shall be marching away from York to Ripon or Catterick for various forms of collective training. Such minor details, however, have a habit of adjusting themselves in course of time, so let not the ardent punter, nor the lover of races who

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doesn't necessarily " punt " despair ; doubtless when the crisis arrives they will find themselves at the races all right without having to deny themselves any races for training, or training for races.

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Everyone will congratulate the Boxing Team on winning the Northern Command Championship, especially as they were not at full strength in their final match against the Cameronians. A separate account of the fighting appears elsewhere. The account is, unfortunately, not as complete as usual as Mr. Carr-Ellison, our boxing scribe, was busy most of the time in the dressing-room either attending to the wants of the battered, or issuing final instructions to those whose fights were still pending. The Boxing Team must not therefore imagine that, if their fights are not recorded round for round, we think any less of them, for everyone realises that it was only through the efforts of everyone of them, that they were able to delight the large crowd of our spectators who journeyed to Catterick, with such an excellent victory. Having said which it remains to the writer to record what must be the feelings of every member of the Battalion in paying due tribute to Mr. Carr-Ellison in bringing about this result. It is only truth to say that though the pluck of individual members of our teams has left nothing to be desired, such results as our three successive wins in Ireland, and this our latest victory in the Northern Command, could not have been achieved had it not been for his keen enthusiasm and energy, and his own excellent example in the ring. Successes such as these are no mere flukes of fortune. They can only be obtained by keen interest and hard work over a long period. Mr. Carr-Ellison has worked hard, and for several years in the interests of boxing. He has infused the very best boxing spirit into the team, and it is a pleasure to see the determination and sporting manner with which each member of the team, winning or losing, sets about his work. Lastly, it is gratifying to see that when the older hands leave the team or the Battalion, there is plenty of new blood ready and eager to take their places. A feature of this year's boxing was the excellent form of newcomers, such as Lce.-Cpl. McHale, Fusiliers Allison, Cranner, Irvine, Maughan and Morely.

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The recent competition for the Hart Cups was again a reflection of the spirit of the Battalion team. Perhaps the most satisfactory feature of the two night's boxing was that even with such a record entry, there were no " quitters." Every competitor, from the most complete novice upwards, showed ample evidence of that moral quality which is most aptly, if rather rudely, expressed by the word " guts." So long as we have in the Battalion so many men with their hearts in the right place, there need be no fear of a decline in boxing, or for that matter in soldiering in any form, for, after obedience, " guts " must surely be reckoned as the most important attribute of any man who claims to call himself a soldier.

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The rugger season, our first real season, has closed as far as our fixture list is concerned. The rugger notes contain the most up-to-date news, but it may be said here that though victories have been somewhat few and far between, rugger has made very considerable progress. Compared to other sports in the Battalion, rugger may still be said to be rather in its infancy, but interest in and knowledge of the game have developed enormously. On the 20th the Officers, reinforced by three Serjeants, played the remainder of the Battalion, and won a closely contested game by 14 points to 8. The Other Ranks lacked two of their best backs, otherwise the result might have been different. It is not necessary to look back more than two years to remember the time when rugger was looked upon as an Officers' game, and the idea of an Other Ranks' team meeting them on level terms would have been ridiculous. A word of praise is due to Mr. Yorke for his hard work in connection with rugger. It is almost entirely due to him that we now have a respectable number of Other Ranks who have learnt rugger in the Regiment in the last year or two, and if we continue to build on the solid foundation laid by him, there is no reason why rugger should not eventually flourish under his enthusiasm in the same way as boxing has done under Mr. Carr-Ellison's.

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The Association football team continue on their victorious way in the local Half-holiday League. Keen interest was shown in the match against the Depôt West Yorkshire Regiment, as neither team had so far been beaten. The Fifth won 6—3. From our point of view the match was marred through several of our players allowing their excitement to get the better of their sense of what is good form on the football field. There was a very regrettable amount of appealing to the referee. The sooner the offenders realise that this kind of behaviour lowers the whole team morally to a very fifth-rate standard the better. It is unsportsmanlike and unnecessary, and is anyway not likely in the least to influence a referee in his decisions.

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Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton are to be congratulated on having been selected to play for the Army against the Royal Air Force. The Army won 3—1, and though we have only seen a somewhat meagre account of the game in *The Times*, they certainly appear to have acquitted themselves well. The account stated that the " real difference between the two teams was at half-back, where the Army were particularly well served." Cpl. Bell played left-half and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton right-half.

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There have been two Regimental guest nights this month, one to entertain the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the other the Green Howards.

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The 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards also kindly sent us a Regimental invitation, and the following Officers represented the Battalion : Lieut.-Col. Herbert, Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. Garnier, Capt. Lindsay, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. MacMullen, Mr. Speer.

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During the month we were very glad to meet Col. Warde-Aldam, Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade, and Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Commanding the 5th Battalion, who had lunch with us one day during a tactical exercise.

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Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt also paid us a welcome visit the other day, and travelled in the mess saloon to the National.

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The writer has a vague recollection of having read somewhere or other, that the British officer is superior to the officers of other nations in his power of improvisation, and his adaptability to circumstances in war. Such a statement is worth examining in order to discover the cause of this alleged superiority. Is it a national characteristic or is it the natural impression

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made upon his character by the chances and changes of the many and varied tasks which fall to his lot in peace time? Events of the past winter force one to the conclusion that the latter theory must have a great deal to do with it, anyway as regards adaptability to circumstances. Let us take but one example.

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A P.R.I. disappears for three days. During those three days he is wholly absorbed on a command exercise, sitting up every night, literally till the small hours of the morning, deciding the movement and fate, not of a battalion or brigade, but of a complete Army corps. He returns. His unspeakable horror at finding food uncovered in the dining hall is only equalled by his contempt of yesterday for the neighbouring Corps Commander's ideas on the use of the medium artillery.

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A bare twenty-four hours suffice for him to regulate a contract for the supply of gymn. shoes, to define the respective responsibilities of the Battalion Sanitary Squad and the Dining Hall Orderlies regarding the cleaning of drains outside the Dining Halls, and to make a swift tour of the refuse bins to see that all the lids are securely on, and he is off again for forty-eight hours to discuss the artillery plans produced at the previous exercise. Nor is that all. For he is only acting P.R.I., and when he again returns, in addition to continuing to "act," he must give his attention to the evolution of a Company Training programme, and must thrash out such questions as the relative merits of the Low Moor and Windmill Hill as a suitable area for that mysterious operation known as a Section or Individual Stalk. Can you beat it for adaptability? And yet the example is only one of legion which could be quoted. And we haven't finished yet, for on his second return this Company Commander and Acting P.R.I., in addition to his multifarious duties connected with messing, drains, dustbins, gymn. shoes, and Company Training programmes, contrived also to command the Battalion for over a week.

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The following list of Band engagements may be of interest to our readers:—

May 5th. Massed Bands. Military Sunday, York.
May 19th (Sunday). Doncaster—2 performances.
May 26th (Sunday). Blackburn—2 performances.
June 2nd (Sunday). Keighley—2 performances.
June 9th to 15th. Southport—13 performances.
June 16th (Sunday). Stockport—2 performances.
June 18th, 19th, 20th. York Gala—6 performances.
June 30th (Sunday). Knavesmire, York—2 performances.
July 1st to 6th. N.E. Coast Exhibition, Newcastle-on-Tyne—12 performances.
July 7th (Sunday). Salford—2 performances.
July 10th. Assemble for Tattoo.
July 14th (Sunday). Lister Park, Bradford—2 p'f'mances.
July 15th to 20th. York Tattoo.
July 27th. Hull—2 performances.
July 28th (Sunday). Knavesmire, York—2 performances.
Aug. 1st. Concert, O.T.C. Camp, Strensall.
Aug. 4th to 10th. Morecambe—14 performances.
Aug. 12th to 17th. Colwyn Bay—12 performances.
Aug. 18th to 24th. Ramsgate—19 performances.
Aug. 26th to Sept. 1st. Margate—19 performances.
Sept. 15th to 22nd. Clacton-on-Sea—16 performances.

Boxing.

The Final of the Northern Command Inter-Unit Team Championship was fought in the "Arena," Baghdad Lines, Catterick, on Thursday, 28th February, 1929—1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers *v.* 1st Bn. The Cameronians.

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Fight No. 1—*Officers—Welter-Weights.*

2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing beat Lieut. E. Sixsmith on points. 5th Fusiliers, 2 pts.; Cameronians, 1 pt.

Fight No. 2—*Officers—Middle-Weights.*

2nd-Lieut. G. P. Hobbs beat 2nd-Lieut. R. Ferrers on points 5th Fusiliers, 4 pts.; Cameronians, 2 pts.

Fight No. 3—*Officers—Heavy-Weights.*

Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison beat 2nd-Lieut. G. Shaw on points. 5th Fusiliers, 6 pts.; Cameronians, 3 pts.

Fight No. 4—*Other Ranks—Bantam-Weights.*

Fus. Cranner, "W" Coy., lost to Rfn. Anderson on points. 5th Fusiliers, 7 pts.; Cameronians, 5 pts.

Fight No. 5—*Other Ranks—Feather-Weights.*

Bdsmn. Anderson, H.Q. Wing, lost to Rfn. Kerr on points. 5th Fusiliers, 8 pts.; Cameronians, 7 pts.

Fight No. 6—*Other Ranks—Light-Weights* (2nd String).

Fus. Irving, "Y" Coy., lost to Cpl. Denham on points. 5th Fusiliers, 9 pts.; Cameronians, 9 pts.

Fight No. 7—*Other Ranks—Light-Weights* (3rd String).

Fus. Allison, M.G. Coy., beat Rfn. Chapman by a k.o. 5th Fusiliers, 11 pts.; Cameronians, 10 pts.

Fight No. 8—*Other Ranks—Welter-Weights* (1st String).

Fus. Colley, H.Q. Wing, beat Cpl. Theobald by a k.o. 5th Fusiliers, 13 pts.; Cameronians, 11 pts.

Fight No. 9—*Other Ranks—Welter-Weights* (2nd String).

Fus. McKie, "Y" Coy., lost to Cpl. Purnell on points. 5th Fusiliers, 14 pts.; Cameronians, 13 pts.

Fight No. 10.—*Other Ranks—Welter-Weights* (3rd String).

Fus. Morton, "W" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Craggs on points. 5th Fusiliers, 16 pts.; Cameronians, 14 pts.

Fight No. 11.—*Other Ranks—Middle-Weights* (1st String).

Fus. Hywood, "Y" Coy., lost to Cpl. Dow by a k.o. 5th Fusiliers, 17 pts.; Cameronians, 16 pts.

Fight No. 12.—*Other Ranks—Middle-Weights* (2nd String).

Fus. Smith, H.Q. Wing, lost to Lce.-Cpl. Duffy on points. 5th Fusiliers, 18 pts.; Cameronians, 18 pts.

Fight No. 13.—*Other Ranks—Light Heavy-Weights.*

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton, "Y" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Harbron by a k.o. 5th Fusiliers, 20 pts.; Cameronians, 19 pts.

Fight No. 14.—*Other Ranks—Heavy-Weights.*

Cpl. Stobbart, H.Q. Wing, lost to Rfn. Purvis on points. 5th Fusiliers, 21 pts.; Cameronians, 21 pts.

Fight No. 15.—*Other Ranks—Light-Weights* (1st String).

Fus. Maughan, "W" Coy., beat Cpl. Dewberry on points. 5th Fusiliers, 23 pts.; Cameronians, 22 pts.

Result.—5th Fusiliers won by 23 points to 22 points.

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After congratulating the competitors, Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, presented the Trophy and Medals.

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At a Boxing Tournament organised by the 5th Bn. The Green Howards, at Scarborough, on Friday, 8th March, 1929, three of our boxing team fought contests, and all won their bouts and were awarded some very nice Cups and enjoyed a very good night's entertainment. A very excellent programme had been arranged by Capt. Turton, the Adjutant, and the Olympia was packed. Mr. Carr-Ellison and Mr. Beckwith judged for half the programme, and Mr. Laing and Mr. Hobbs were also present, and all enjoyed a very good evening.

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There were in all 13 contests, including four 6-round contests.

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Light-Weight contest—4 *rounds.*

Lce.-Cpl. Holroyd (Royal Tank Corps) *v.* Fus. Irving (5th Fusiliers.) Irving won on points.

Welter-Weight contest—4 *rounds.*

Pte. Phillips (Royal Tank Corps) *v.* Fus. Colley (5th Fusiliers). Colley won with a k.o. in the first round.

Middle-Weight contest—6 *rounds.*

Pte. Harrison (1st Green Howards) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe (5th Fusiliers). Sharpe won with a k.o. in the second round.

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The 1928 Competition for the Hart Cups was fought off in the Garrison Gymnasium, on the 19th and 20th March, 1929, owing to it being postponed at Ballykinlar, due to the move of the Battalion to York.

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For the first time since the Hart Cups have been competed for, the rules were altered. Instead of being the Individual Battalion Championships as before, we made the competition open to all Other Ranks, with the exception of all those who had represented the Battalion in a Battalion Team Competition up to season 1929.

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This meant that some 30 boxers were debarred from entering, and only men who represented the Battalion this season for the first time were the members of the Battalion team competing.

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A record number of entries were received, and the standard of boxing, hard hitting, and fitness throughout the competition was very noticeable. The draw and results of each of the six Weights will be found hereunder :—

Welter-Weight Competition.

Fus. Horlock, "W" Coy. / Fus. Boyd, "X" Coy. → Fus. Boyd, "X" Coy. → Fus. Bean
Fus. Boyd, "X" Coy.
Fus. James, M.G. Coy. / Fus. Bean, "X" Coy. → Fus. Bean, "X" Coy. → Fus. Bean
Fus. Bean, "X" Coy.
Fus. Kelly, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Fenwick, "W" Coy. → Fus. Kelly, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Hogg
Fus. Hogg, H.Q. Wing / Fus. McTeer, "X" Coy. → Fus. Hogg, H.Q. Wing → Fus. Hogg
Fus. Anderson, "W" Coy. / Fus. Elliot, "X" Coy. → Fus. Elliot, "X" Coy. → Fus. Loan
Fus. Stronham, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Loan, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Loan, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Loan
Fus. McKie, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Stockton, H.Q. Wing → Fus. McKie, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Morton
Fus. Hardy, "X" Coy. / Fus. Morton, "W" Coy. → Fus. Morton, "W" Coy. → Fus. Morton

Light-Weight Competition.

Byes :— Fus. Irving, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Welford, "X" Coy. → Fus. Irving → Fus. Irving
Fus. Telford, "X" Coy. / Fus. Carr, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Telford, "X" Coy. → Fus. Telford → Fus. Irving
Bdn. McKinley, H.Q. Wing / Fus. Maughan, "W" Coy. → Bdn. McKinley H.Q. Wing → Fus. Telford
Fus. Weatherstone, M.G. Coy. / Fus. Forster, "W" Coy. → Fus. Weatherstone → Fus. Weatherstone → Fus. Allison
Fus. Cheal, "X" Coy. / Fus. Yelland, "W" Coy. → Fus. Cheal, "X" Coy. → Fus. Weatherstone
Fus. Allison, M.G. Coy. / Fus. Pinder, H.Q. Wing → Fus. Allison, M.G. → Fus. Allison → Fus. Allison
L/Cpl. Hanlon, "X" Coy. / Fus. Metcalfe, M.G. Coy. → L/Cpl. Hanlon, "X" Coy. → Fus. Allison

Bantam-Weight Competition.

Fus. Bell, "X" Coy. / Fus. Wright, "W" Coy. → Fus. Bell, "X" Coy. → Fus. Cranner
Fus. Cranner, "W" Coy. / Fus. Gibson, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Cranner, "W" Coy. → Fus. Cranner

Middle-Weight Competition.

Byes :— Fus. Watson, "W" Coy. / Fus. Watson, "X" Coy. → Fus. Watson "X" Coy. → Fus. Ferguson
Fus. Hywood, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Murphy, "X" Coy. → Fus. Hywood, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Ferguson
Fus. Adlard, "Y" Coy. / Fus. Ferguson, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Ferguson, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Ferguson

Light Heavy-Weight Competition.

Bye :— Fus. Morley, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Morley
Fus. Keeble, "W" Coy. / Fus. Arkle, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Keeble, "W" Coy. → Fus. Morley

Feather-Weight Competition.

Byes :— Fus. Craig, "X" Coy. / Fus. Farrow, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Farrow → Fus. Farrow
L/Cpl. Blackburn "Y" Coy. / Fus. Phillips, "X" Coy. → L/Cpl. Blackburn → Fus. Farrow → Fus. Farrow
L/Cpl. Paindavoine H.Q. / Fus. Anderson, "X" Coy. → L/Cpl. Paindavoine → Fus. Pritchard
Fus. Cain, M.G. Coy. / Fus. Younghusband, "Y" Coy. → Fus. Cain, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Pritchard → Fus. Farrow
Fus. Ashbridge, "W" Coy. / Fus. Pritchard, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Pritchard, M.G. Coy. → Fus. Pritchard

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At the conclusion of the second evening's fighting, the Com-

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manding Officer congratulated all the competitors on the excellent fighting and distributed the prizes to the winners and runners-up of each Weight.

Cross-Country Running.

The Northern Command run was held on the 5th March, at Catterick Camp.

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The course of 54 miles, starting from Dragon Hill, ran mainly over grass and moorland with no road work at all. The recent thaw had made the surface slippery, but otherwise the going was good.

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The team ran very well, but had to be content with third place out of eight.

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The Battalion was represented by the following team :— Mr. C. R. M. Threlfall, Sjt. Ross, Cpl. Bellwood, Cpl. Rhodes, Fusrs. Allaker, Wood, Massey, Lce.-Cpls. Lawson and Townley, Fusrs. Richardson, Graham, Vasey, Weldon, Johnson and Ross.

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The placings of the first four teams are as follows :—

1. Depôt Bn. Royal Signals—2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 17, 19, 35, 36, 38, 50, 54 284
2. 2nd Bn. King's Regt.—1, 3, 4, 14, 25, 26, 27, 32, 37, 43, 44, 56, ... 312
3. 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers—6, 8, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 34, 39, 46, 52 341
4. 1st Bn. Green Howards—13, 15, 18, 28, 33, 41, 42, 47, 48, 59, 61, 63 468

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It was unfortunate that Lce.-Cpl. Latimer was unable—owing to medical orders—to represent the Battalion as we feel sure he would have done well, and in consequence the placing of the team would have been higher.

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It will be noted that our twelfth man was home before the last man of any other team.

Hockey.

Up to date we have played six matches, of which four have been won and two lost. Owing to people being on leave and calls being made on the side for other games, it was seldom possible to have a representative side on the field.

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24th Nov. Old Haughtonians. Home. Won 6—5.

This was a good fast game, with plenty of clean, hard hitting. We defeated them 6—5, scoring the winning goal within the last five minutes. The side combined well throughout the game.

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12th Jan. Old Priory H.C. Lost 7—1.

A very hard, clean game. Our team was weak, but we were unlucky to have so many goals scored against us, as we were attacking continually. Our shooting was weak.

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14th Jan. 1st Bn. Green Howards. (1st Round Army Cup). Lost 3—2. The sides were very even, and though we pressed most of the game, we could not penetrate their defence. There was some very hard hitting by both sides, but their stick-work was superior to ours.

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We had a weak side out, as nearly everyone was on leave.

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26th Jan. Old Haughtonians. Away. Won 7—3.

This match was played on a very bumpy ground in St. Oswald's Road. Our team was not at its best, for though we beat the Haughtonians, the score does not represent the true difference in strength between the two teams.

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6th Feb. York Banks. Home. Won 12—2.

Our opponents turned out a very weak side, and were one man short till just before half-time.

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16th March. St. Peter's. Away. Lost 6—1.

The School were too good for us. But for some very good work by the backs and goal-keeper, the score would have been much greater. Once again our lack of forwards who can hit goals was very apparent.

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9th March. Old Haughtonians. Home. Won 3—1.

In this match the team consisted of N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers, who put up a very good performance by defeating the Old Haughtonians by three goals to one, after a good, hard game.

Rugby.

Our programme of matches was greatly interfered with by the cold spell which resulted in us having to abandon no less than six 1st XV. matches, with the result that when we turned out against Ampleforth the team was short of practice and never got going until the last quarter of the game.

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The College forwards were all over our eight, and their three quarters saw plenty of the ball, with the result we were beaten by 29 points to 5 points. On one of the few occasions when our backs did get going a good movement ended in Fus. Moore scoring far out ; and Mr. Enderby converted with a good kick.

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Our next match *v.* Bradford " A " resulted in one of the best games of the season. The Fifth started slowly as usual and only good tackling by the backs saved our line. Bradford opened the scoring with a penalty goal for off-side, but shortly afterwards a really fine forward rush took play down to the Bradford " 25 " where Mr. Carr-Ellison picked up in the loose, and being well backed up by Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale, a clever run saw the latter score. This try was not converted. Bradford then scored rather a lucky try from a forward rush, the ball bouncing awkwardly for our full-back, who was also pinched out by two Bradford forwards. This try was converted, and at half-time the score was Fifth Fusiliers 3 points, Bradford 8 points.

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Soon after the resumption a free-kick against Bradford for feet up enabled Mr. Enderby to kick a goal. The Fifth continued to press but several times Bradford looked dangerous, but faulty handling by their backs spoilt several chances. Then from some loose play in our " 25 " the ball came to Wheldale, who had been moved out of the scrum on account of an injury,

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running half the length of the field he gave a perfect pass to Metherill on reaching the full back for the latter to score between the posts, Mr. Enderby converting. Bradford replied with an unconverted try, making the score 11 all with about three minutes to go. A free-kick was then given against us for off-side, and Bradford kicked a penalty goal from an easy position.

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A draw would have been a very fair result in this game which was played at a good pace and in the best possible spirit. The Fifth forwards played one of their best games of the season, and in a pack who all worked hard perhaps Fus. Watson and Mr. Threlfall really shone. The backs were good in defence, especially Metherill, whose kicking was very useful.

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Result :—Bradford " A " 1 goal, 2 penalty goals, 1 try = 14 pts.
Fifth Fusiliers 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 1 try = 11 pts.

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The Inter-Company Rugby League has started and some very close and exciting matches have resulted. It is very satisfactory to note the improvement in the standard of the Company Rugby since last season.

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Last year " Z " Company was really the only team in the competition. This year the result of the League is still in doubt. The results up to date are as follows :—

" Y " Company beat " X " Company, 15—8 pts.
" Y " Company beat M.G. Company, 26—12 pts.
" W " Company beat H.Q. Wing, 8 pts. to nil.
" W " Company beat " Y " Company, 9—5 pts.
" W " Company beat M.G. Company, 6 pts. to nil.

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On Wednesday, 21st, we played what we believe to be one of the first matches of its kind to be played in the Regiment :—

Officers and Serjeants *v.* The Rest.

Unfortunately the Officers were without Mr. Clarke, and the Other Ranks were without Fusiliers Fenwick and Metherill, but a very good game resulted nevertheless. The Officers and Serjeants opened the scoring with a good try by Sjt. Gray, of the P.T. Staff, who had been brought in at the last minute to fill Mr. Clarke's place. Mr. Enderby hit the upright with his place kick, the ball rebounding into play. The Other Ranks' forwards were playing real hard football, and several times got the ball away especially from the line-outs, but their scrum half was very slow in getting the ball away, which gave the opposing forwards time to get amongst their three-quarters.

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After a period of pressure on the Other Ranks' line the Officers heeled, and Mr. Laing slipped over for a try, which was not converted.

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Just before half-time Lce.-Cpl. McDonough darted over for a try for the Other Ranks, but Cpl. Stobbart failed to convert. At half-time the score was :—Officers and Serjeants, 2 tries = 6 pts. ; Other Ranks, 1 try = 3 pts.

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Soon after half-time the Officers went further ahead with a try by Sjt. Gray. This was rather a lucky score, as the centre three-quarter went straight through the Other Ranks and for some unexplained reason no-one tried to stop him. The kick at goal went wide by inches. After some rather scrappy play in midfield Serjt. Gray added his third try between the posts, and Mr. Beckwith converted. The Other Ranks now rushed the ball down, and Stobbart picking up when the ball came loose went clean through the Officers' scrum and scored between the posts. Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale converted.

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Result.—Officers and Serjeants, 1 goal, 3 tries = 14 pts.
Other Ranks, 1 goal, 1 try = 8 pts.

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This was a very enjoyable game, and it is not at all certain that if the Other Ranks had had their full team that they would not have won.

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It is hoped to arrange a return match in the near future so that we can settle the argument.

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The Other Ranks forwards played a hard game, and were decidedly superior in the line-out and were not beaten in the tight scrums, but in the loose they were rather ragged. Their three-quarters handled well, but their marking was at fault. It must be remembered that the best way to get the ball is to go for the man with it and not try to intercept a pass.

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TEAMS.

Officers and Serjeants.—Lt. Beckwith, 2nd-Lieut. Speer, Sjt. Gray (A.P.T.S.), Capt. Pemberton, 2nd-Lieut. Sperling, 2nd-Lieut. Laing, 2nd-Lieut. Enderby, Lieut. Carr-Ellison, Lieut. Yorke, Lieut. Bolster, Lieut. Whelan, 2nd-Lieut. Threlfall, Lieut. Graham, R.E., C.S.M. Danaford, Lce.-Sjt. Forrester.

Other Ranks.—Fus. Plumb, Lce.-Cpl. McDonough, Cpl. Stobbart, Cpl. Naylir, Cpl. Shields, Lce.-Cpl. Usher, Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Fus. Craig, Fus. Rackstraw, Fus. Hill, Fus. Good, Fus. Lister, Lce.-Cpl. Thompson, Fus. Watson.

Serjeants' Mess.

March, 1929.

We have very great pleasure in welcoming back to the Mess, C.S.M. (" Nobby ") Clarke, who has just finished a Tour of Duty with the Territorial Staff.

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He has already made his presence felt, he being a " nobby " billiards player.

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The Billiards Committee and the staff of selectors are keeping their eyes severely skinned.

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Our hearty congratulations are extended to Serjeant and Mrs. Swain on the birth of a son ; and Serjeant and Mrs. Babbington on the birth of a daughter. All are doing very well.

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It is regretted that no mention was made of Sjt. Hullyer proceeding on his V.T. Course.

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He is at present looking after 'ens and trying to make 'em lay " Heggs."

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We have also lost the services of a very old member of the Mess in the person of Sjt. P. Cole.

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He has gone to "civvy" life, and is working at Leeds.

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Best wishes for a prosperous time.

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C.S.M. Danaford and Lce.-Sjt. Forrester are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts at Rugby in a match between Officers and Serjeants *v.* The Rest.

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"Tich," I am sorry to say, was sadly in need of the trainer's BLUE-BAG.

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A Dance was held in the Mess on the 11th instant, and was very well attended.

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More of these functions are required, because they are very jolly and a good way of passing an evening.

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The St. George's Ball Committee are often in conference, and a splendid show is predicted.

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The Committee has a fine leader in R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.

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Undoubtedly the right man in the right place.

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The S.M., in addition to having a football "blue," is beginning to look a little blue.

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This is apparently owing to the fact that he has to trot around the square so much.

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Only the other day he had to run the whole length of the Battalion on parade, draw his sword, shout several commands, endeavour to stretch about six yards, and preserve his equilibrium when handing over the Colours.

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It is indeed a trying life!

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(EDITOR :—Please accept an apology for the following, but really —— ?)

"A TERPSICHOREAN EPISODE."

A boy named little Eric, so debonair and dapper,
When on the river side one day espied a lovely flapper ;
She gave to him the optic by some known as the "glad,"
Because she thought, as many did, that he was quite a lad.

Now, Eric saw this optic, and straightway, without thinking,
Said : "Ha! a lovely flapper, to me she must be blinking."
He raised his hat and bowed quite low. "Good-morning, Miss," said he ;
"It seems to me quite natural that you should stroll with me."

The flapper said : "How nice you are ; to-night we'll go and dance."
This statement I regret to say put Eric in a trance ;
He stammered and he stuttered, his mind was running riot ;
He thought, "I cannot dance at all, but still I'll go and try it."

So wandering round, a room he sought where he could learn the art
Which meant to him the winning of a little lady's heart ;
He wandered, unsuccessful, and was nearly brought to tears,
When suddenly he bethought him of a comrade known as Mears.

It happened that this man called Mears had room quite large and airy,
Wherein poor Eric day by day could learn to be a fairy ;
He persevered with lessons, with vigour and with vim,
He persevered so much that it began to make him thin.

At last the lessons they were done, the glorious night was nigh,
And Eric got himself all dressed so natty, neat and spry ;
Right down the street he gaily went, and at the dance hall door
Not only did he meet HIS girl, but Two or Three or Four !

"Oh! Eric, dear, you're here at last! I thought you'd never come.
I've brought along my friends, you see : they'll help to make the fun."
But Eric thought, "Oh! no, they won't, they'll make the evening dear."
So back he went to the Mess instead, and drowned his woe in BEER.

"FAGOTTO."

Corporals' Club.

The first Billiards Handicap since we arrived in York has ended.

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The finalists were Cpl Watson and Lce.-Cpl. Frazer, and after a very keen game Cpl. Watson won by 150 to 118.

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The fold heartily congratulate the winner.

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The Club is looking more cosy now that draughts, dominoes, cards, a dartboard, and a few other items have been purchased.

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Billiards is a game of the past nowadays, for the daily cry is "Skittles," or "Put me on the back."

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Moans are plentiful during the course of a game, and it is nothing unusual for one to hear, "Scrub 'em," or "Put them on the back."

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As these notes are going to press, Easter leave is not far distant.

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The chief remark passed is : "What are you on ? " "Nowt!" is the reply. The next remark is : "By goom! some people are jammy."

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The R.S.M. is in the black books of everyone whose pass is stopped, but those who are going on pass think there is no-one as good as him.

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Our heartiest congratulations are due to Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton on their appearing regularly in the Army Football Eleven.

"MICKY."

Hunting.

Hunting was stopped by frost from 6th February to 8th March. It became more and more difficult to keep ourselves and our horses fit, because the riding school was usually occupied by Yeomanry, Cavalry and carpenters making jumps, and the roads were dreadfully slippery. However, we managed to go out hacking occasionally, and this gave rise to an appendix being added to our list of falls which is kept in the hunting diary. The appendix was headed "Hacking." No names will be mentioned, but four Officers have the distinction of appearing in it, and one is said to have come off at a walk!

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Now that the frost is over, and the end of the season near we are making the most of our opportunities and going out in strength—usually with the York and Ainsty, and occasionally with the Middleton and Bramham Moor. The York showed very good sport on 12th March, at Acaster Mallis, and again on 19th March, at Buckles Inn.

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We have been very lucky with our horses this season, and all are fit and going strong, with the sole exception of Mr. Butterfields' youngster, which slipped up on the square the first time it heard the Band.

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Capt. Seth-Smith, who has just acquired *Tall Story* for the second time, has suddenly become his old self again and forgotten all about his recent illness. This was brought about by "a jolly good little dart" last Tuesday, when *Story* carried him perfectly.

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A few enthusiasts, lead by Copp, have already begun to talk about the Regimental point-to-point, which takes place at the York and Ainsty Meeting on 16th April. There is a new sensation this year in form of a "dark horse" entered by Mr. Fryer.

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

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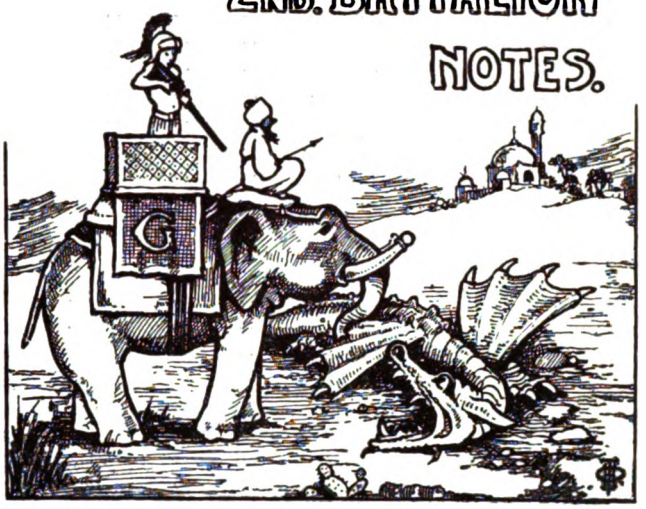

Lahore,

February, 1929.

THE record of events during the last month reads more like the report of an Athletic Club than of a Battalion in the training season. However, Battalion training has been going on under difficulties—and the absence of any further mention of our martial activities is due to the fact that peaceful operations of war are dull things to read about.

Athletics.

The Finals of the Battalion Sports were held on 24th January, on the O'Dwyer Institute Ground, and we had the pleasure of entertaining a large number of guests to tea during the afternoon. "A" Coy. was first in the team events, the detail of these and of the individual events being as follows:—

100 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield, "A" Coy.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Cooper, "A" Coy.

220 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield, "A" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hepple, H.Q. Wing.

440 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Macklam, "A" Coy.; 3, Bdsmn. Burn, H.Q. Wing.

Half-Mile.—1, Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, H.Q. Wing; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, "C" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hawthorne, "D" Coy.

Mile.—1, Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, H.Q. Wing; 2, Fus. Hood, "C" Coy.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, "C" Coy.

High Jump.—1, Dmr. Atkinson, H.Q. Wing (5 *ft.* 7½ *ins.*); 2, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy.

Long Jump.—1, Dmr. Atkinson, H.Q. Wing (19 *ft.* 7½ *ins.*); 2, Fus. Leech, "B" Coy.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, "D" Coy.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, "D" Coy.; 3, Dmr. Atkinson, H.Q. Wing.

Putting the Shot.—1, Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Hunter, H.Q. Wing; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Rosemurgey, "D" Coy.

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POINTS TOWARDS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Cpl. Wooll, " A " Coy.	9
Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, H.Q. Wing	9
Dmr. Atkinson, H.Q. Wing	7
Fus. Watson, " D " Coy.	5
Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield, " A " Coy.	4
Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, " C " Coy.	4
Fus. Hayton, " A " Coy.	4

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Tug-of-War. (This event does not count towards Inter-Company Athletic Championship.)

1, " A " Company	5 pts.
2, " D " Company	3 pts.
3, " C " Company	1 point

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INTER-COMPANY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

High Jump.—1, " B " Company (Dmr. Atkinson, Lce.-Cpl. Galloway), 4 pts.; 2, " C " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " A " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " D " Company, 1 pt.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, " D " Company (Lce.-Cpl. Rutter, Fus. Watson, Lce.-Cpl. Rosemurgey, Fus. Cross), 4 pts.; 2, " B " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " A " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " C " Company, 1 point.

440 *Yards.*—1, " A " Company, 4 pts.; 2, " B " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " C " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " D " Company, 1 point.

Long Jump.—1, " B " Company (Dmr. Atkinson, Fus. Leech—36 *ft.* 8½ *ins.*), 4 pts.; 2, " D " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " A " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " C " Company, 1 point.

100 *Yards.*—1, " A " Company (Capt. Waight, Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield, Fus. Cooper, Fus. W. Smith—*time*, 44 4/5*ths secs.*), 4 pts.; 2, " B " Company, 3 pts.; 3, "—" Company, 2 pts.; 4, "—" Company, 1 point.

Putting-the-Shot.—1, " A " Company (Fus. Hayton, Lce.-Cpl. Calvert—61 *ft.* 2 *ins.*), 4 pts.; 2, " D " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " B " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " C " Company, 1 point.

880 *Yards.*—1, " A " Company (Lieut. Hobbs, Lce.-Cpl. Macklam, Fus. J. Smith, Fus. Jennings), 4 pts.; 2, " C " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " D " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " B " Company, 1 point.

220 *Yards.*—1, " A " Company (Cpl. Wooll, Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield, Fus. Cooper, Fus. W. Smith), 4 pts.; 2, " B " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " C " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " D " Company, 1 point.

One Mile.—1, " C " Company (Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, Fus. Hood, Fus. Bourne), 4 pts.; 2, " A " Company, 3 pts.; 3, " D " Company, 2 pts.; 4, " B " Company, 1 point.

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Order of placing Inter-Company Championship :—

1, " A " Company	29 pts.
2, " B " Company	24 "
3, " C " Company	17 "
4, " D " Company	17 "

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OTHER EVENTS.

Indian Platoon, Long Jump.—1, Sepoy Uderaj Singh (15 *ft.* 4 *in.*); 2, Sepoy Jagatpal Singh.

Boys' Race—220 Yards.—1, Boy Tradewell; 2, Boy Bartropp; 3, Boy Brooks.

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The Battalion team for the Lahore District Tournament was picked as a result of the Individual events and was successful in winning by a small margin from the Hampshire Regt.

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The District Meeting was held in Lahore, on 11th and 12th February, and the following were the final placings of teams :—

1, 5th Fusiliers	26½ pts.
2, 2nd Hampshire Regt.	24½ "
3, 2nd Durham Light Infantry ..	16 "

also 4/7th Dragoon Guards, 1st Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Rifle Brigade, Aircraft Park, R.A.F.

Football.

The Inter-Company Football League resulted in a win for " C " Company, the details being as follows :—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. For.	Agst.	Points.
" C " Company ..	6	5	1	0	8	3	10
" B " " ..	6	3	2	1	10	5	7
" A " " ..	6	1	3	2	5	10	4
" D " " ..	6	1	4	1	4	9	3

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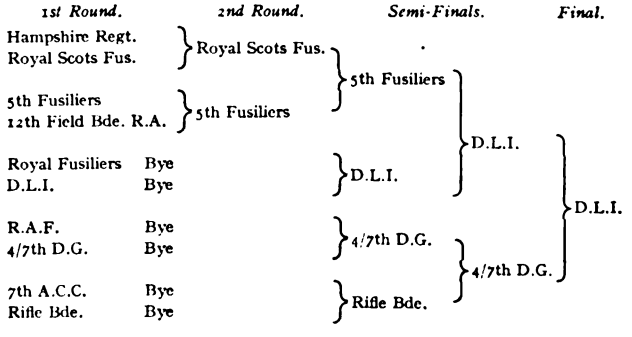
In the District Football Tournament our team lost to the Durham Light Infantry in the Semi-Final by the odd goal.



Boxing.

There has been a perfect plethora of boxing during the month, beginning with the Novices' Tournament, won by " A " Company; followed by the Inter-Company boxing, which was won by " B " Company; and finally the open Tournament held at the Burt Institute, in which our team was second to the Hampshire Regiment by 3 fights to 5.

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Points obtained by Companies in the Novices Boxing were as follows :—

" A " Company	44 points.
" B " "	18 "
" C " "	18 "
" D " "	11 "

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Winners and Runners-up of Novices Boxing :—

Weights.	*Winners.*	*Runners-up.*
Bantam	Fus. Green (" A " Coy.)	Fus. Laidlaw
Feather (Class A)	Fus. Proctor (" D " Coy.)	Fus. O'Rourke
Feather (Class B)	Fus. Carroll (" C " Coy.)	Fus. Fitzpatrick
Light (Class A)	Fus. Smith (" A " Coy.)	Fus. Cullen
Light (Class B)	Fus. Donaghy (" B " Coy.)	Fus. Fawcett
Welter (Class A)	Fus. Spowart (" A " Coy.)	Fus. Kitson
Welter (Class B)	Fus. Holmes (" D " Coy.)	Fus. Robinson
Middle	Fus. McCaffery (" A " Coy.)	Fus. Overend

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Inter-Company Boxing Tournament.

In his speech before presenting the prizes, Major-General Sir Walter S. Leslie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.-O.-C. Lahore District, said :—" We always expect to see clean boxing in the Army, but I must say that I have not seen any cleaner boxing than I have to-night."

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First Session.

Bantam-Weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. McRae (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Cornforth (" A " Coy.) on points.

Welter-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Morton beat Fus. Wright (" D " Coy.) on points. Lce.-Cpl. Suggitt (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Olson (" C " Coy.) on points.

Feather-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Fraser (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Simmonds (" D " Coy.), disqualified ; Fus. Seymour (" C " Coy.) outpointed Lce.-Cpl. Evans (" D " Coy.).

Light-Weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. King (" B " Coy.) received a point's verdict over Fus. Turner (" A " Coy.) ; Fus. Simson (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Buttery (" C " Coy.).

Middle-Weight (1st Series).

Sjt. Palmer (" D " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Whittle (" B " Coy.), the Referee intervening in the final round.

Catch-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Coxon (" D " Coy.) in the opening round ; Lce.-Cpl. Throssell (" B " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Bainbridge in the first round.

Feather-Weight (1st Series).

Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Clark (" B " Coy.) on points ; Fus. Davies (" B " Coy.) outpointed Fus. Rowley (" A " Coy.) in the second round.

Middle-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Laverick (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. McCaffery (" A " Coy.) ; Lce.-Cpl. Muir (" A " Coy.) outpointed Fus. Killeen (" C " Coy.).

This concluded the first session, the points being :—

" A " Company	..	..	..	10
" B " "	..	..	..	16
" C " "	..	..	..	10
" D " "	..	..	..	5

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Second Session.

Light-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Smith (" A " Coy.) on points ; Fus. Antcliffe (" D " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Bennett (" C " Coy.) in the second round.

Bantam-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Good (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Allen (" B " Coy.). ; Fus. Ridley (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Green (" A " Coy.) on points.

Catch-Weight (1st Series).

Fus. Rutter (" D " Coy.) outpointed Fus. Johnston (" C " Coy.) ; Sjt. Boon (" B " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Beaton (" A " Coy.) in the opening round.

Feather-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Fraser k.o. Fus. Davies (" B " Coy.) in the final round ; Fus. Seymour (" C " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins (" A " Coy.) on points.

Welter-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Travers (" D " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Graham (" C " Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Morton (" B " Coy.) awarded the fight against Lce.-Cpl. Suggitt (" B " Coy.), the latter having to scratch on medical grounds.

Middle-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Laverick (" B " Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Muir (" A " Coy.) in the second round.

Light-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. King (" B " Coy.) in the third round ; Fus. Antcliffe (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Simpson (" B " Coy.), the latter having to retire with a damaged hand.

Points at the conclusion of the Second Session were :—

" A " Company	..	..	..	15
" B " "	..	..	..	27
" C " "	..	..	..	21
" D " "	..	..	..	21

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Final Night.

Catch-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Rutter (" D " Coy.) in the opening round ; Sjt. Boon (" B " Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Throssell (" B " Coy.).

Bantam-Weight (Semi-Final).

Lce.-Cpl. McRae (" C " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Wright (" B " Coy.) in the third round ; Fus. Good (" C " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Ridley (" D " Coy.) in the second round.

Middle-Weight (Semi-Final).

Fus. Larman (" D " Coy.) awarded the fight against Sjt. Palmer, who had to scratch on medical grounds.

Feather-Weight (Final).

Fus. Fraser (" C " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Seymour (" C " Coy.).

This brought together two clever boxers and a splendid contest ensued. In the opening round Fraser got in a well timed right which put Seymour down; the latter quickly recovered, however, and had slightly the better of the exchanges until the first gong. The second round went to Fraser, who frequently scored with both hands. At the final meeting Seymour continually forced the fight and ran out the winner by a small majority of points.

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Light-Weight (Final).

Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Antcliffe (" D " Coy.)

Both men opened well, Cross repeatedly scoring with his left and Antcliffe using his right to advantage. Heavy blows were exchanged in the second round, this being in favour of Cross, who boxed cleverly and avoided a deal of punishment. Antcliffe was very game during the final round and stood some heavy punishment. Cross won on points.

Welter-Weight (Final).

Fus. Travis (" D " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Morton (" B " Coy.).

In the opening round Travis forced his man to the ropes and administered a k.o.

Middle-Weight (Final).

Fus. Laverick (" B " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Larkman (" D " Coy.)

Laverick possesses a terrific hit, and put Larkman down for a count of 6 at the first meeting; the latter pluckily rose and continued on the defensive. In the second round Laverick sparred for an opening, and made way through the round, sending a right uppercut which put Larkman down for the full count.

Catch-Weight (Final).

Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.) *v.* Sjt. Boon (" B " Coy.).

Hayton is a boxer of considerable experience, and proved too good for the Serjeant, whom he k.o. in the opening round.

Bantam-Weight (Final).

Lce.-Cpl. McRae (" C " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Good (" C " Coy.).

The men were evenly matched, Good having slightly the better of the first round. In the second round McRae scored frequently and succeeded in levelling the points. The final round went to McRae, who secured the verdict on points.

Special Contest Light-Weight.

Pte. Whiteside (N.W. Railway Regt., Lahore) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Graham (5th Fusiliers).

Whiteside is a clever and experienced boxer and accumulated points without giving Graham an opportunity to retaliate. The first and second rounds went to Whiteside, who scored frequently, Graham only succeeding with a smart right on one occasion, from which Whiteside quickly recovered. In the third round Whiteside got in a hard right to the point, which k.o. his man.

Mill Competition (six-a-side).

Right-half Battalion *v.* Left-half Battalion.

This very splendid affair resulted in a draw which, on being fought off, proved in favour of the Right-half Battalion.

The final reckoning of points were :—

" A " Company	..	..	..	19
" B "	,,	..	..	..	38
" C "	,,	..	..	..	31
" D "	,,	..	..	..	36

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An open Boxing Tournament was held at the Burt Institute on 7th February and the following nights. In the team event we were runners-up to the Hampshire Regt., and in the Individual events Fus. Hayton was the outstanding figure—winning both the Light-Heavy and Heavy-Weights. In the first round we drew a bye; in the second we defeated the Sherwood Foresters by 6 fights to 2; and in the final lost by 3 fights to 5. The following team represented the Battalion :—

		v. Sherwood Foresters.	*v.* Hampshire Regt.
Bantam.	Lce.-Cpl. McRae	won	lost
Feather.	Fus. Wright	won	won
Light.	Fus. Cross	won	won
Welter			
(1st String)	Fus. Morton	won	lost
(2nd ,,)	Fus. Travis	lost	lost
Middle	Fus. Miller	lost	lost
Light-Heavy	Fus. Laverick	won	lost
Heavy	Fus. Hayton	won	won

Hockey.

In the District Hockey tournament—as in the football—our team lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winners; in this case, the I.A.O.C. In the earlier rounds, we defeated the 12th Field Brigade, R.A., by 1 goal to nil, and the 4/7th Dragoon Guards, after a replay by the same amount.

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The first match against the 4/7th was one of the hardest and fastest games our team has played. Two minutes before time the 4/7th led 3—2, with our forwards attacking all the time.

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Their efforts were eventually rewarded, but in the extra ten minutes each way, no further score was added. The match was replayed the following day, and again a hard, close game was played, resulting in a win for us. A rather over-worked team turned out the next day against the I.A.O.C., and lost a good game by 1 goal to 3.

Cross Country Running.

The Battalion Cross-Country was run over a course of about 3½ miles, and resulted in a win for " C " Company, with " A " Company 2nd. The first five men home were 1st Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, " C " Company; 2nd Fus. Keiling, " B " Company; 3rd Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, " C " Company; 4th Fus. Hood, " C " Company; 5th Fus. Watson, " D " Company.

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In the District Cross-Country, over a course of about 4½ miles, we were placed 3rd, the final placings being as follows :—

1, 1st Hampshire Regiment.
2, 2nd Durham Light Infantry.
3, Fifth Fusiliers.

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Also 4/7th Dragoon Guards, 1st Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers and 1st Rifle Brigade.

The Lahore District contains 12 British units, and the following summary of results show a good average standard in all forms of sport in the Battalion :—

Football—Semi-finals.
Hockey—Semi-finals.
Boxing—Runners-up.
Athletics—Winners.
Cross-Country—Third.

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Early in February, the Indian Cavalry held their "week" in Lahore, the outstanding event being the Indian Cavalry Polo Tournament, which was won by the Central India Horse. The magnificent polo—possibly the best to be seen in the world—was of the greatest value to our budding players, though to watch the stick-work, horsemanship and tactics of such men as Majors Atkinson and Williams, could not fail to create something like despair in our hearts. However, our polo enthusiasts are hard at work, and new ponies are being bought from time to time.

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The Infantry tournament was held in Lahore this month, and resulted in a win for the Seaforth Highlanders from the 60th Rifles—6 teams entered.

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We were not ready to enter a team this year, but we have entered for a local tournament on 1st April, and hope to have a team with a reasonable chance for the "Infantry" next year.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
20th March, 1929.

ON 29th February, Major Chenevix-Trench, accompanied by Capt. Braddell and R.S.M. Brocklesby, visited the Depôt The Sherwood Foresters at Derby. They had a both pleasant and interesting visit.

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On 1st March, October Squad were drafted to the 1st Battalion. The draft was conducted by Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and C.S.M. Curtis.

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On 3rd March, Mr. Collingwood arrived from the 2nd Battalion in relief of Mr. Pringle. He is now enjoying, we hope, a month's leave.

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We have been very pleased to receive visits from the following:—Mr. Boon, Sir H. Carnaby de M. Haggerston and Mr. Samwell.

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Since the 7th January, 1929, personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., have attended courses at the Depôt, as under:—

Lewis Gun	60
Section Leading	64
Machine Gun	68
Cooks	10
Mess Serjeant	1
Drill	15
Range Finder	7
Total	225

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Cpl. Gooding has returned from the Military College of Science, and has obtained certificates, after attending a course of Instruction in the repair of small arms.

Museum.

The following donations to help start the Depôt Regimental Museum are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount acknowledged to 23/2/29	14	1	0
Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G.	0	10	0
Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall	1	0	0
The Lord Crofton	0	10	0
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E.	0	10	0
Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	0	10	0
Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C.	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. W. Gibson	0	10	0
Colonel E. S. Heard	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
Major H. M. Heyder, M.C.	1	1	0
Brig.-General C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G. ..	0	10	0
Brig.-General Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. R. M. Lamb, D.S.O.	0	10	0
Major H. G. Lynch Staunton	0	10	0
Major St. John Montagu	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. T. H. Owen	0	10	0
Capt. L. M. Sant	0	10	0
Brig.-General W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
Major H. C. Stephen	0	10	0
Colonel D. S. Stewart	0	10	0
Colonel W. E. Sturges	0	10	0
Captain C. S. M. Trench	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G.	0	10	0
Colonel Sir Albert Whitaker, C.B.E.	0	10	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	0	10	0
Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.	0	10	0
Colonel C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G.	0	10	0
Brig.-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
1st Bn. The Fifth Fusiliers	2	0	0
Total	£32	2	0

Cross-Country Running.

The run for the Inter-Squad Cross-Country Running Shield was held on 19th March. All four Squads at the Depôt competed. The first twelve men home in each Squad counted, but there was no restriction as to the number of runners per Squad. Non-Commissioned Officers ran for their respective Squads. The course was approximately three miles in length. The results are appended:—

1, November I. Squad	254 points
2, January Squad	266 ,,
3, February Squad	348 ,,
4, November II. Squad	396 ,,

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The team placings were:—

November I. Squad—4, 8, 12, 15, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32

January Squad—2, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 35, 42, 45, 49

February Squad—1, 3, 9, 18, 25, 36, 37, 46, 48, 50, 56

November II. Squad—5, 7, 16, 21, 26, 29, 34, 43, 44, 54, 59, 68

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Individuals :—

1, Fus. Pinder (awarded Cup) (February Squad).
2, Cpl. Jarmain.
3, Fus. Redhead (awarded Cup) (February Squad).

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Captain Braddell presented the Shield and Cups.

Boxing.

The first of the 1929 Quarterly Inter-Squad Boxing Competitions was held on 13th and 14th March. The writer is of opinion that the standard of boxing reached was considerably higher than that witnessed at any of the 1928 Competitions. It remains to be seen whether or not we are successful in the Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition, which is due to take place on 25th March.

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The results of the Semi-Finals and Finals are appended :—

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Price (Nov. II. Squad) } Price
Fus. Knox (Feb. Squad) }
Fus. Moulding (Feb. Squad) } Redman
Fus. Redman (Feb. Squad) }
Price } Fus. Price
Redman }

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Curry (Nov. I. Squad) } Thompson
Fus. Thompson (Nov. I. Squad) }
Fus. Simmons (Jan. Squad) } Simmons
Fus. Russell (Feb. Squad) }
Thompson } Fus. Thompson
Simmons }

Light-Weights.

Fus. Bonner (Nov. I. Squad) } Bonner
Fus. Manning (Nov. I. Squad) }
Fus. Siggens (Jan. Squad) } Winlow
Fus. Winlow (Feb. Squad) }
Bonner } Fus. Winlow
Winlow }

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Rogers (Nov. I. Squad) } Newton
Fus. Newton (Nov. II. Squad) }
Fus. Prime (Feb. Squad) } Wilson
Fus. Wilson (Nov. I. Squad) }
Newton } Fus. Newton
Wilson }

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Fleming (Nov. I. Squad) } Fleming
Fus. Houghton (Nov. II. Squad) }
Fus. Ridley (Nov. I. Squad) } Ridley
Fus. Davison (Jan. Squad) }
Fleming } Fus. Fleming
Ridley }

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The Squad placings were as follows :—

1,	November I. Squad	37·3
2,	February Squad	33·3
3,	November II. Squad	25.8
4,	January Squad	22.0

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At the conclusion of the boxing the Commanding Officer presented the Shield and Medals. The best loser's prize was awarded to Fus. Curry. The Officials were :—

Referee.—Capt. J. H. Maynard.
Judges.—Mr. Holdsworth Hunt and Mr. Stockley.
Timekeeper.—R.S.M. Brocklesby, D.C.M.
M.C.—Q.M.S. I. Horlock.
Whip.—C.S.M. Curtis,

Football.

The following matches in the Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League have been played since our last notes :—

6/3/29 Depôt *v.* Wallsend Tradesmen. Won, 9—4.
13/3/29 Depôt *v.* N.G.T. Consett. Won, 4 goals to nil.
20/3/29 Depôt *v.* N.G.T. Bensham. Draw—4 goals each.

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Team :—

Fus. Sanderson.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Sjt. Bowker.
Sjt. Cross. Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Jarmain.
Cpl. Taylor.

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Extract from League Table :—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. For.	Against.	Points
19	10	8	1	88	44	21

St. George's Day.

This year the usual Depôt St. George's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, 21st April. The parade will be held in conjunction with the 6th Battalion and the O.C.A. On St. George's Day the Depôt will visit the 1st Battalion at York. The Depôt Warrant Officers and Serjeants' Ball will be held on Friday, 19th April.

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EXTRACTS, DEPÔT ORDERS, PART II.

No. 4258505 Lce.-Sjt. W. Fotherby re-posted to 1st Bn., 21/2/29.
No. 4256803 Cpl. A. Green re-posted to 1st Bn., 21/2/29.
No. 4261893 Cpl. G. Jamieson appointed paid Lce.-Sjt., 21/2/29.
No. 4337618 Lce.-Cpl. A. Stockhouse posted to Depôt from 1st Bn., 21/2/29.
No. 4256047 R.S.M. Redhead posted to 2nd Bn., 25/2/29.
No. 4256944 R.S.M. G. E. Brocklesby, D.C.M., permitted to continue in the Service for a further period of one year to 14/2/31.
No. 4263598 Fus. R. E. Sanderson, Tour of Duty extended to 1/4/30.

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Strength on 20/1/29—Depôt Staff 67, Recruits 117.

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Recruits' "At Home."—Extracts from *Journal and North Star*, dated 25th February, 1929 :—

"RECRUITS' 'AT HOME.'

"STEP IN 'BRIGHTER BARRACKS' MOVEMENT.

"NEWCASTLE INNOVATION.

"A novel innovation was made at Fenham Barracks on Saturday, when for the first time in the history of the Depôt, a Recruits' 'At Home' was held, providing an opportunity for their parents and friends to see the conditions under which the men live while undergoing their preliminary training after entering the Army.

"Striking evidence was furnished that the 'Brighter Barracks' movement is not being lost sight of in Newcastle and the visitors must have been agreeably surprised at the comprehensive arrangements made for the comfort of the troops.

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The Serjeant-Major does not exactly kiss each man and tuck him up in bed at night—as some of the modern humorists would have us believe ; but a homely atmosphere has certainly taken the place of the rough and tumble conditions usually visualised when one hears the term ' Barrack Room.'

" I had the privilege of being one of the party of 200 who took part in the tour of inspection. The entire exterior of the barracks has been re-decorated, as well as the larger part of the interior. Progress of course is often hampered because of financial reasons, but the majority of the rooms have now been greatly improved in this respect. Lockers have been installed above each bed, and the rooms are adorned by the trophies won in the various competitions. Blazing coal fires glowed welcome everywhere.

" It is a notable fact that the average recruit increases his weight by about 10 lbs. during the 19 weeks he is in training at the Depôt. I can quite believe it (?) . . .

" Tea was provided for the visitors in the Gymnasium, the catering being carried out by Capt. and Q.M. J. H. Maynard, and an enjoyable entertainment, interspersed with community singing, was afterwards enjoyed."

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In amplification of the above account, it should be understood that this Recruits' " At Home " was run purely as an experiment. The writer believes that on the whole the experiment proved a success insomuch that it gave an opportunity to the Recruits to entertain some seventy guests, whilst they themselves enjoyed an excellent tea, followed by an amusing conjuring entertainment given by Mr. Gosman. Perhaps this may be only the first of many similar functions ?

Aid Society Ball.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society will hold their Sixth Annual Ball on Thursday, 18th April, 1929, at the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The guests will be received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Councillor Captain A. W. Lambert, M.C., and Mrs. Lambert), at 9.30 p.m. Dancing, 10 p.m. till 3 a.m. Conri Tait's Band.

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We are pleased to be able to report that " the attack " has already been launched, and that several donations have already been received. This is most satisfactory, as the financial success of the Ball is largely dependent on the number and amount of donations received. We earnestly trust that this year's Ball will prove to be a record one in all respects.

Recruiting.

There are at present four Squads at the Depôt—November I., November II., January and February Squads. The senior Squad is due to be drafted to the 1st Battalion on the 19th of next month.

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The following state shows the places at which Recruits have enlisted into the Regiment during the period 1/1/29 to 20/1/29. It also shows their trades on enlistment :—

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—1 Messenger, 6 Miners, 1 Driller, 8 Labourers, 1 Rigger, 1 Plumber, 1 Cartman, 1 Rivet heater = 20.

Durham.—15 Miners, 1 Electrician, 1 Labourer, 1 Motor Mechanic, 1 Boot Repairer = 19.

Sunderland.—4 Miners, 2 Labourers, 1 Window Cleaner, 1 Groom = 8.

Bishop Auckland.—3 Miners, 1 Coach Builder = 4.

Darlington.—2 Labourers = 2.

Middlesborough.—10 Labourers, 1 Farm Labourer = 11.

London.—1 Labourer.

Total enlistments = 65.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
March, 1929.

TRAINING is now on the verge of a start, and up to this time N.C.O.'s' courses have been continued regularly at the Drill Hall. The Companies hope that a week-end Camp will be possible at all events for the Senior N.C.O.'s, with perhaps a Sunday for all Ranks.

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The North-East Coast Exhibition in Newcastle, from May to October, will require little advertisement in these Notes, but if any further inducement for prospective visitors were required, we may say that our Band, under Mr. W. A. Crosse, our Bandmaster, will fulfil a week's engagement from 5th August. We are most pleased at this recognition shown to the Band by the Exhibition Authorities, and especially by the Musical Director, Capt. H. G. Amers, T.D.

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The Regimental Club is now in full swing, and so far is proving a greater success than we ever anticipated. The fact that it is open practically all day has proved a great attraction to many of its members who have no work for the time being (fortunately these are now becoming fewer) and to those whose duties call them away at other times. The long delayed heating system stands every chance of being completed by summer-time—but generally speaking, the room is rapidly becoming more comfortable under the continued guidance of Corporal and Mrs. Crowdy. We still require all the light literature we can get, and Officers and Members will please note that all old illustrated magazines will be very acceptable, and can be sent addressed to R.S.M. O'Hara at the Drill Hall. Games such as draughts, dominoes, etc., will also be most useful.

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On the 1st February, the Members of the Serjeants' Mess provided a most excellent entertainment to obtain funds for the Regimental Club. Under the guidance of the R.S.M., a Concert Party of undoubted skill was presented to the audience, and one most sincerely hopes that the efforts of these very accomplished N.C.O.'s will be repeated in future years. The music and humour were of a very high order, and the whole entertainment was one that held the audience from start to finish. We all knew, and most of us had heard, the talent that there is in the Serjeants' Mess, but one hardly realised it could be so delicately and capably produced, so as to bring out the particular characteristics of each performer.

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The performance was preceded on the Thursday night by a free show to all serving ranks and their friends. This was vastly appreciated, and we were especially glad to welcome a large contingent from our Depôt.

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From a financial point of view too, the entertainment was a great success, and £3 7s. has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Club.

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On behalf of the Battalion, we cordially thank all who helped, whether as producers, performers or assistants in any capacity —not forgetting the artist in the clouds who worked the lights and mercifully was found to be still breathing when the performance ended.

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Before our next contribution appears, St. George's Day, and all it means to the true Fusilier, will be with us. We would remind all ranks that close attention to orders detailing parades and entertainments (if any) must be paid. Especially would we like to mention that this year, a combined Church Parade with our Depôt will be held on Sunday, 21st April, Our own ex-service men are specially invited to attend this Parade and to march with the Battalion.

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We would like to tender our hearty congratulations on the honour recently conferred by His Majesty on Lieut.-Col. Wm. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. (now commanding the 5th Battalion) by creating him a Deputy Lieutenant foi the County. We wish him, as an old Officer of our Battalion, many years of happiness in his new dignity.

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The Miniature Range Shooting has now been concluded, and has been won somewhat easily by " C " Company, whom we heartily congratulate.

Boxing.

The Territorial Army Championships were held at the Stadium Club in London, on Thursday and Friday the 14th and 15th March.

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From our Battalion, five representatives were sent consisting of Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., and Fusiliers Gordon, Gullon, Anderson and Johnson.

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Capt. Rutherford, who won the Officers' Welter-weight Championship last year, was defeated in the third round by Lieut. A. F. J. White of the 57th Field Brigade, R.A.

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Mr. R. Potter, who was selected to fight in the Middle-weights, was unfortunately an invalid with influenza, and unable to make the journey.

Fusilier Gullon repeated his victory of two years ago, and won the Fly-weight Championship by defeating Boy G. Archer of the 6th Royal Warwick Regiment on points.

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Fusilier Anderson was defeated in the semi-final of the Bantam-weights on points, and Gordon was defeated in the first round of the Feather-weights.

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Fusilier Johnson was beaten by Pte. Lantsberry of the 4th Northamptonshire Regiment in the semi-final of the Heavy-weights.

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On the whole we can congratulate ourselves on a very excellent performance, as most of our competitors reached, at least, the semi-finals.

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The result of the Contest, so far as we are concerned, is that the 50th Northumbrian Division were second, tying with the 2nd London Division for that position. The winners were the 48th (South) Midland Division.

7th Battalion.

Alnwick,

25th March, 1929.

OUR strength to-day is 20 Officers and 549 Other Ranks. The tide is flowing now steadily in our favour and the quality of recruits coming in, as well as the numbers, is satisfactory. Compulsory drills start next week, and the recruiting effort must be maintained if we are to go to camp up to strength.

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We continue to lose trained men steadily for divers reasons. Even the best recruit cannot replace a good old hand, and it is important that touch should not be lost with these men during the quiet months of the year. With a possibility of 200 recruits in the ranks at training in June we have need of the stiffening of every trained man who can be induced to carry on the good work.

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Our great achievement this month is the formation of a new band. The North Seaton Band, under the leadership of Mr. Lee, has been recruited " en bloc " for the Battalion, and we feel ourselves fortunate in securing the services of so many men of a very fine type and a band with so excellent a musical record.

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A most satisfactory feature in regard to the new band, is that Mr. Lee has been able to absorb six of our old serving bandsmen. We trust that Mr. Lee and his band will enjoy many happy years in association with the 7th Battalion. The debut of the band will be made at " B " Company's Church Parade at Ashington, 21st April.

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The " Chipchase Cup " for miniature rifle shooting has come to the 7th Battalion ; the H.Q. Company at Alnwick scoring a most decisive win with a lead of 29 from 232nd Field Company R.E. who were second.

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The " Chipchase " has never before been won by an infantry team, and it has been wrested at last from such veteran riflemen as the Newcastle City Rifle Club and the Tyne Electrical Engineers. The win is the more satisfactory since five of the team are very young soldiers recruited at Alnwick and coached during the past two years. The enthusiasm of Mr. Middlemas and his own prowess with the rifle have been of great value.

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The Commanding Officer will present the cup and medals to the team at Alnwick on Church Parade, on 21st April. The team was made up as under :—

4265345 Fus. J. Copeland	6843028 Fus. D. M. Robinson
4265543 Fus. R. Hunter	R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M.
4265603 Fus. J. Whellens	2nd-Lieut. R. J. Middlemas
4266018 Fus. H. P. Mills	Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.

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In the other important competition, " The Volunteer Serjeants," we take second place to our friends of the 6th Battalion, whom we heartily congratulate. It gives us great satisfaction to record that Company teams of this Battalion took 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places in an open field. Our Companies came in the order, " C " (Amble), H.Q. (Alnwick), " B " (Ashington) and " D " (Berwick). The County Rifle Meeting in August should show some good 7th Battalion results.

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A useful conference was presided over by the Commanding Officer at Alnwick, on 6th March, when the whole of the Permanent Staff, Adjutant, the Quartermaster, and " A " and " C " Company Commanders, were present. Our aims for the year were crystalised and troubles smoothed out. Despite important changes in the Battalion in Permanent Staff, H.Q. Dept., Band, the birth of a new Machine Gun Company, and (we hope) 200 Recruits, a feeling of confidence inspires the Battalion, and all are determined that 1929 shall be the 7th Battalion's most successful training year.

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

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Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

March, 1929.

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Those who read Mr. Hogarth Todd's book, " Tiger, Tiger," a notice of which appeared in these notes some time ago, will, we feel sure, be glad to learn that another volume from the same pen has recently been published. It is called " Work, Sport and Play," published by Heath, Cranton, Ltd., and is, as its sub-title explains, an account of an Englishman's life in India in pre-war days. In this volume Mr. Todd deals more with the game of polo and the sport of pig-sticking, at both of which he was an expert, than with the hunting of the tiger. The book also contains interesting accounts of the work of an Officer in the P.W.D. of India, in the making of irrigation tanks. It gives a pleasantly-written picture of the life out East, and should be of interest to those who wish to recall their days in the Shiny, and equally so to those who are looking forward to a tour in India.

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The Riding School at Sandhurst is said to have been a terrible place in the bad old days, where cadets were " taught " to ride by terrible methods. Authorities on the history of the College are at one in the view that the old-fashioned methods were calculated to discourage rather than encourage the pupil, and that the general standard of horsemanship amongst subalterns has since those times immensely improved from the more intelligent and " human " instruction given.

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No one is better qualified to speak of practical horsemanship than the Equitation Officer at Sandhurst through whose hands pass hundreds of cadets yearly ; cadets who have ridden a great deal, ridden well or ridden thoroughly badly, cadets with a hunting seat, a " jockey's " seat, or no seat at all.

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What the Instructor who has to deal with all these types has to say about riding should be well worth reading, and we may therefore look forward with interest to " Practical Horsemanship," by Capt. J. L. H. Barrett, 11th/18th Hussars, which Messrs. Witherby, 326, High Holborn, will publish just after Easter.

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Subscriptions due in April :—

Lady Bertha Dawkins
Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E.
Mrs. L. Gibson
P.M.C., 2nd Battalion
Major K. G. Williams

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Mr. C. F. Baker
Capt. C. R. L. English
Mrs. Arkwright

Letter to the Editor.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
31st March, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, 1929, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,

J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

15th March, 1929.

Association Football.

ON Saturday, 2nd March, 1929, a match took place between the O.C.A. and the Newcastle Branch of the Old Coldstreamers' Association. This match was played on the Garrison ground, at Fenham Barracks, and

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

BAMBOROUGH. ALDER. CAPT. A. W. LAMBERT, M.C. LEADBITTER.

our Vice-President (Captain A. W. Lambert, M.C., Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne) very kindly found time to

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come and kick-off. There were some three to four hundred spectators present, when the game started shortly after 3 p.m.

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

"OLD COMRADES" TEAM.

Moore. Hughes. Bradford. Crowdy. Steele.
Slater. Hay. Bamborough. Alder. Leadbitter. Ferguson.

The weather was fine, but the ground was quite at its worst, being extremely muddy and making it very difficult for the players to stand up. The state of the ground was, however, hardly surprising, since it was the first day of the "Great Thaw," after a period of prolonged frost. Although our team outplayed and somewhat outclassed the Guardsmen, a clean and sporting game was witnessed, the final score being, Old Fusiliers 8 goals, Old Coldstreamers 1 goal. Two photographs, one of the Vice-President kicking-off, and one of our team, appear elsewhere in these notes.

Both teams were afterwards entertained to tea in the Pavilion. Our thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary of the Old Coldstreamers Association and Mr. Mower for making all the necessary arrangements for the match, and to Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle and Mrs. Wardle for arranging the tea. Tickets, 3d. each, were sold by the Committeemen of both Associations, and next month we hope to be able to report that a substantial profit has been made. This of course, will be divided between the two Associations. Perhaps the match will become a popular annual event.

The O.C.A. team was as follows :—

Bradford.
Seater. Moore.
Hughes. Crowdy. Steele.
Hay. Bamborough Alder. Leadbitter. Ferguson.

Referee: Sjt. Peppiatt. *Linesmen:* Lce.Sjt. Jamieson and Fus. Mullen (Depôt).

Whist Drive.

On Friday, 8th March, 1929, a Whist Drive was held in St. George's Drill Hall. The object of the Whist Drive was to increase the funds of the Association. There were some thirty-one tables in all, and the total takings were £6, of which £1 7s. was credited to the Association's Fund, the remainder being distributed in prizes. As our first venture, this Whist Drive, was undoubtedly a great success, and our thanks are due to Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle, who organised the Drive. Mr. Young, Mr. Mower and Mr. Fisk also assisted. It is to be hoped that this is only the first of many similar functions.

The Rest of the News.

There are to-date 75 fully paid-up members, 128 partially paid members.

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Balance Credit (Cash and at Bank) £43 11s. 1d.

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This excludes any profits that may accrue from the football match.

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The Committee are very grateful to the following for donations :—

Captain A. W. Lambert, M.C.—10/-.
All Ranks, 1st Battalion—£7.

London Branch.

Obituary.

With regret we have to record the death of our Vice-President, Mr. W. Lees, which occurred at Bournemouth, on Tuesday, the 12th March, after a long and painful illness.

Bill Lees, as he was known to all the Fifth, had been with us since the very inception of the O.C.A., and as he brought with him, valued and wide experience obtained by his association with the British Legion and United Service Fund, there is no doubt that his advice was invaluable in the furthering of it, and the success, ultimately obtained.

It will, therefore, be seen we have suffered a great loss, and his place will be very hard to fill.

His inestimable value was also shown in another direction, viz., by being ever ready to advise and assist any of our unfortunate members who were in straitened circumstances, through the various organisations with

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which he was in close touch. No genuine case was ever turned away.

Joining the Regiment as a boy, he saw service with the 2nd Battalion in India, Singapore and South Africa. and also during the Great War.

He was one who always upheld the traditions of the FIFTH in every way; he is therefore not only a loss to us, but also the Regiment.

A white man has passed away. The notification of his death was too late for a wreath to be sent or arrangements to be made for representation at the funeral.

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Unemployment.—A circular letter with particulars of those members who are unemployed having now been sent to each member, it is hoped that it will have the desired effect of at least providing employment for some of our unfortunate members.

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Newcastle Branch.—With great pleasure we hear of the continued success of this, our Sister Branch, and trust it will continue.

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St. George's Day and Wreath Ceremony.—Arrangements are now complete, and although we expect to miss a few familiar faces at the St. George's Ball we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that most of them are at the 1st Battalion, York. Even so we expect a good muster.

H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

St. George's Day, 1929.

A Dance will be held on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1929, at the 1st Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. 1, from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. A limited number of tickets are available for extra friends, and may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, price one shilling, which must be enclosed with application.

Roses will be on sale in the hall, cost of which will be 4d. per set.

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On Sunday, 21st April, the members will parade, as strong as possible, on the North Side (Admiralty Side) of the Horse Guards' Parade, Whitehall, at 12 noon, and march to the Cenotaph, whereon a wreath will be laid by Col. E. S. Heard, on behalf of the Association, in memory of those of our comrades who lost their lives in the Great War. Friends invited.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, by the kind permission of the Commandant Corps of Commissionaires, the members are invited to re-assemble at the Corps Headquarters, 419, Strand, where new members may be enrolled.

Tickets, which must be produced at the door, can be obtained from Mr. H. I. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, S.W. 15.

Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Hard times are now the rule in Northumberland and our Funds are exhausted.

Many Fusiliers need assistance.

Will you please help?

Donations will be gratefully received by

Hon. Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Regimental Colours.

REGIMENTAL Colours have an ancestry almost as long as man himself, as they originated in the desire of primitive man to distinguish himself from his neighbour. This he achieved by painting on his body the image of some animal or bird whose qualities he admired and wished to emulate. The fleet of foot would paint on themselves a galloping horse or a bird in flight; the strong would paint a lion or a bear; the wise would choose an owl or a serpent. When a tribe went to war the badge of the chief was hoisted upon a pole so that it could be seen, and it was from these totems or tribal badges erected on poles for war purposes that regimental colours originated. But our beautiful silk colours only attained their present dignity by gradual evolutions influenced by the customs and conditions of the various ages. Dealing first with tribal totems and badges, as they were to be seen at a glance in the din and dust of battle bright materials had to be used, and flashing metal and coloured ribbons were usually employed, good examples of which were found in the old standards of the Mexicans and Aztecs.

Under the same category come those of the Israelites, referred to in Numbers ii.: "Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard with the ensign of their father's house." These ensigns are supposed to be referred to by Jacob in Genesis XLIX., where he says: "Judah is a lion's whelp . . . Issachar is a strong ass . . . Dan shall be a serpent . . . Naphtali is a hind let loose . . . Joseph is a fruitful bough . . . Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf." There are other references to the "Lion of the tribe of Judah." Archæologists have found in India representations of standards in use 5,000 years ago, and in China 500 B.C.

The second stage can be described as the age of superstition, the main difference from the first stage being one of refinement. Images of animals and birds were still employed, but their representation showed signs of artistic progress. The standards were made frequently of gold or silver, and they were elevated on beautiful ornamented staves. Among the earliest examples of this kind were two standards found in the ruins of Nineveh, dated 2,000 B.C. Those of the ancient Egyptians belong to the same class. The post of standard-bearer was at all times of the greatest importance. He was an officer and a man of approved valour, and often distinguished by a special badge.

There were also royal banners borne by the principal persons of the household near the King himself. The Greeks employed images of animals or birds which had some connection with the cities to which they belonged, and the Romans had representations of warlike deities as well as animals until the second Consulship of Gaius Marius, who ordained that the Roman legions should carry nothing but eagles.

Owing to the fame which these reached under Julius Cæsar the eagles were adopted by Napoleon to crown the French colours. Ornaments were attached by the Romans to the colours in recognition of conspicuous service, and this practice finds its counterpart in the modern custom of placing battle honours on regimental colours, as for instance in the case of the King's colour of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the South Wales Borderers (the former of which was saved at the disaster of Isandlwana in 1879) both carrying permanently silver wreaths of immortelles in memory of Isandlwana and the defence of Rorke's Drift. All our regiments of foot Guards carry wreaths of laurel on their colours on the anniversaries of battles in which they have taken part. All the Roman standards were worshipped with religious adoration, and the soldiers swore by them, and to lose a standard was esteemed a great disgrace, and sometimes was regarded as a capital crime. To animate the soldiers the standards were sometimes thrown among the enemy.

The third stage was the age of individuality, in which the personal banners of the leaders were evolved. The earliest record of these is found in the famous Bayeux tapestry, which depicts in seventy-six scenes the Norman account of the battle of Hastings and the incidents leading up to it, and contains representations of thirty banners.

The fourth stage dealt with the first standardised or regimental colours, which were those of the first English standing army in the time of the Commonwealth, known to history as the New Model.

The fifth stage dealt with the personal colours of the Restoration, which was a reversion to the age of individuality. Charles II. brightened up the appearance of the colours, his first warrant ordering colours of his own regiment (now the Grenadier Guards) directing that they should be "of white and red taffeta, with stands, heads and tassels, each of which to have such distinctions of some of our royal badges, painted in oil." The lecturer showed how this personal aspect had survived to the present time, many of the regiments in their titles showing their connection with royal or distinguished families, whose crests were also formerly found in the colours.

One famous standard still in existence is that of the 7th Dragoon Guards, which was carried at the battle of Dettingen in 1743, and bears the personal coat armour of the famous General Ligonier who was Colonel of the regiment then known as the 8th Horse.

The sixth and final stage dealt with the standardised regimental colours of the present day. The personal aspect received its death blow by the royal warrant of 1751, which was designed to establish uniformity throughout the Army, the second paragraph reading: "No Colonel to put his arms, crest, device or livery in any part of the appointments of his regiment."

(With acknowledgements to the "Surrey Comet."

War Trophies.

LIKE many other centres of military activity we have our trophies. Our barracks are garnished at suitable corners and angles, with captured enemy guns and mortars of varying sizes and epochs. A mortar rears its muzzle to point day and night at the clock in the Tower, as if to indicate that though it may represent the day of our temporary triumph, the hour of doom and retribution draws ever nearer and nearer. Guns, large and small, are distributed here and there, at what are considered suitable points of vantage.

One cannot regard these pristine monsters of the battlefield with unmixed feelings. Could they but speak, what tales could they not tell? Maybe they would relate with pride, the story of their earliest beginnings in the inferno of Krupps works, where from masses of molten metal, they were gradually tempered, tuned and wrought, until they finally emerged smooth, shining and efficient to show off their beauty before the inspectors of the German ordnance.

How proud they were in those days, whilst they mustered to await the signal to be up and doing! And then the great

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day comes at last ! There is the thrill of the rush to the front, whole train-loads of guns, guns and still more guns, pouring towards the battlefield. Next the din and smoke and exultation of battle, the mighty chorus of the barrage, the fierce joy of seeing whole villages crumple like paper before their withering blast.

What important folk they were in those days to be sure ! How their own infantry used to bless them for their timely support ! What tens of thousands of men and women toiled and sweated day and night for the especial benefit of their own glorious selves, the guns ! Picture the vast munition factories, the great train-loads of ammunition pouring daily from factories to depôts, depôts to dumps, and the almost unending convoys of lorries rumbling day and night over the roads of France and Flanders—all to feed *them*, the all-important, mighty blunderbusting guns !

What must be the feelings now, of these ghosts of the battlefield as they stand, no longer well-oiled, shining and efficient, but blackened, rusting and weather-beaten, to decorate our barracks with their humiliation ? Can it be imagined that they take pleasure in the quiet of their captivity, resting as they are, dumb, impotent, one pointing fatuously at the Quartermaster's front door, another at his store in the Tower, another at the N.A.A.F.I. ? Is it in the least degree possible that they are reconciled to such an existence, or may they not, for all we know, still be a menace in our very midst ?

Shall we awaken one morning to find that a ghostly hand has fed them once again, that with one final, mighty blast shattering at once themselves and their victims, the Quartermaster's front door has been blown clean through the kitchen window, our once well ordered mobilisation store is nothing but a scrap-heap, and where yesterday stood the N.A.A.F.I., is now a weltering reddish, yellowish, brownish sea of tinned tomatoes, brilliantine, sausage meat and Worcester sauce, whilst here and there, like hideous bergs in a hideous sea, float blocks of mottled margarine and slabs of slimy Cheddar cheese ?

" Too far fetched," you say. " The man's mad—drivelling. send him to the doctor."

Maybe you are right, maybe not. Such happenings may be perhaps just freaks of the imagination and altogether beyond the bounds of possibility.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to escape altogether the conviction that in some shape or form these ill-chosen trophies do constitute a menace in our midst. If, indeed, these guns may thunder no more, is it not possible that by some more subtle, more insidious, more indirect and yet equally effective means, they may prove a disruptive element in the well-ordered machinery of our daily life ? Here, indeed, we have actual facts upon which to base our suspicions, and no mere flights of the imagination. Recent events may only be the portents of far more serious and disastrous happenings to come.

Only a few nights ago, a married officer, driving home after a Regimental guest night, was induced by some will-o'-the-wisp freak of light which surrounded one of these creatures to leave the very road, inside the barrack precincts, over which he has regularly driven for the past five months, and it was only by the narrowest possible margin that disaster was averted. What malevolent influence was it which came so near to producing a tragedy ? It is idle, and anyway not intended, to cast any aspersions on the officer in question. At the same time, how useless it would have been, had the accident occurred, to explain it all on returning to the domestic circle. The circumstances in which it had occurred could only have given rise to the most unhappy suspicions, no matter how ill-founded they might have been. The moment was well chosen. The danger, moral and material, might well have been irreparable.

Nor is this the only sinister occurrence in connection with these unfortunate spoils of war. Only two Sundays ago a child wishing to get a better view of the Regimental band as it played, stood for a moment on the wheel of a small mortar affair. Now it is quite unreasonable to suppose that a weapon, which has born the stress and strain of battle, should find such a trivial weight intolerable. We can, therefore, only suppose that this last indignity was more than its sinister, sub-conscious spirit could bear, and that it was in a final squirm at the insult, that it deliberately shed the wheel on which the child was standing. Anyway, whatever the cause, the wheel came off, and there the thing stood, grotesque and awry, no longer—even if it ever had been—an ornament, but a horrible eyesore.

What was the result ? The colonel saw it and called the adjutant. They agreed that it was an eyesore. A joint conference, at which the quartermaster was to attend, was summoned. The quartermaster did not wish to have anything to do with the restoration of damaged ex-enemy trophies. The problem bristled with difficulties. How was the blame to be apportioned ? Trophies were not expendable stores. Was the damage due to neglect, or fair wear and tear ? Had a Court of Enquiry been held ? If so, how was the cost to be borne—by an individual or by the never failing public ? For once he could be of no service. He could not even initiate the correspondence on the subject. Certainly he could write the appropriate memo. :—" Please explain the circumstances in which ex-enemy trophy, mortar field 2-inch, situated on the main road through barracks, became damaged on the nth instant, and say whether the cost should not be borne by you, . . . etc., etc." But the trouble was that he hadn't the least idea to whom it should be addressed. Even if the child could be traced there appeared to be little profit in pursuing this line of action. And anyway he disclaimed all responsibility in the matter, and clinched the argument by calling the R.Q.M.S. to show that the trophy was not in his ledger charge, and therefore no concern of his.

Matters were still clearly in a state of deadlock. Meanwhile for two more days the crippled mortar remained an eyesore to anyone entering barracks. Something had to be done, so the Garrison Adjutant was called in. Summoning his departmental chiefs, consisting of the Garrison Serjeant-Major, a very large military policeman and the Garrison groundsman, he sat in conclave with them. Again the decision was unanimous that so far as they were concerned, no executive action was possible. Ask them any question regarding the discipline of troops in the town, allocation of accommodation for a lecture or concert, or allotment of sports grounds, and they were only too ready to oblige. But ask them to " do something " about a damaged trophy and you were clearly demanding of them something which was altogether outside their province. The most that the Garrison Adjutant could do was to consult some other authority.

Full of hope he betook himself to the officer i/c barracks. The interview was short and sweet. The officer i/c barracks explained briefly, but firmly, that such things were in no inventory held by him, that anyway they were clearly " fixtures," and fixtures were the R.E.'s concern, not his.

The R.E. were still more curt. It was absurd to call the

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thing a fixture if it had wheels If it was a fixture, what was the good of giving it wheels. And anyway, did the Garrison Adjutant think that the R.E. were engineers or curators of a —— war museum? Ordnance, they said, looked after rubbish of that kind which could in no circumstances be considered within the province of a highly Technical Corps such as the Royal Engineers.

Baffled and apologetic, the Garrison Adjutant withdrew. By now the thing had remained a blot on the main thoroughfare for over a week, and he was heartily sick of it. Dark, sinister ideas suggested themselves to him as to how to get rid of it. He might steal out in the dead of night and drag it away to the nearest pond, but it was too near the guard for that. Should he crash it to smithereens with his car? It was almost worth it, no matter what the damage might be.

Despairing of success, indeed, fearing another rebuff, he decided, as a last resort, to try the Ordnance Officer. If this failed, he must admit defeat, and ask to be returned to the full performance of his normal duties as a Platoon Commander. The fact that he should contemplate such a step, only goes to prove the extent to which the affair had sapped his moral. Gone for ever would be the seclusion of the inaccessible little office. No longer would he be able, on the plea of urgent business in the Garrison office, to pick and choose between the various Company duties which he would, or would not, be able to perform. It seemed, however, the only honourable course left open to him.

He was, therefore, most agreeably surprised to find the Ordnance Officer comparatively *blasé* about the thing, and, best of all, distinctly helpful. True, they had no spare stocks of pins, axle, for ex-enemy mortars, and they could not undertake to replace the wheel, which had come off. He explained, however, that it was quite legitimate to expect a mortar to be able to fire without being on wheels, and suggested that, as the now detached wheel could not be replaced, the only means of reducing the weapon to anything like symmetrical proportions, was to knock off the other wheel. This was an entirely new line of thought, and so refreshing, that the Garrison Adjutant grabbed his hat and rushed hot-foot to the Pioneer Corporal who knocked it off and took it away before anyone had time to change their mind in the matter. So there it squats, wheel-less, hideous, just a stumpy barrel and a small flat trail, for all the world like a monster house fly that has had its wings pulled off by some brutal little boy.

So far the guilty knowledge is confined to a few members of the Battalion and the Ordnance Officer. None of them, however, can resist a feeling of uneasiness over the whole affair. These trophies invariably arouse a certain amount of interest. How are they to answer the questions of inquisitive visitors, who may well ask what manner of weapon this ungainly contraption represents.

Such is the nature of even the smallest eruptions that may be caused by the presence in our midst of these monstrosities— not to mention the highly unprofitable waste of time, caused, to at least seven officers, covering a period of over a week.

Let us abolish them ere worse befall! Let them be collected throughout the length and breadth of the land, and exterminated on one gigantic scrap-heap! They are monstrous, hideous, and out of place in these days of Locarno spirit, Peace Pacts and Super-education. Let them be replaced with something more in keeping with the age! If in 1950, we shall require monuments to illustrate how, as an army, we have triumphed over difficulties in the past, let their space be reserved for a memorial to the first Fusilier to become an Oxford Don, or the first enlisted boy to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Here surely is a great field of activity for those ardent idealists, who believe that war may be abolished. Let them devote their energies, henceforth, to a campaign for the collection and destruction of these hideous souvenirs, until the land is purged of them from North to South, from East to West.

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DEATH.

CUBITT.—On 2nd April, 1929, at Thorpe Hall, near Norwich, Major Frank Astley Cubitt, late 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 94 years.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., is granted the temporary rank of Brigadier whilst a Brigade Commander in India (dated 8th February).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

6th Bn.—Capt. W. R. Dodd having attained the age limit relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 24th April).

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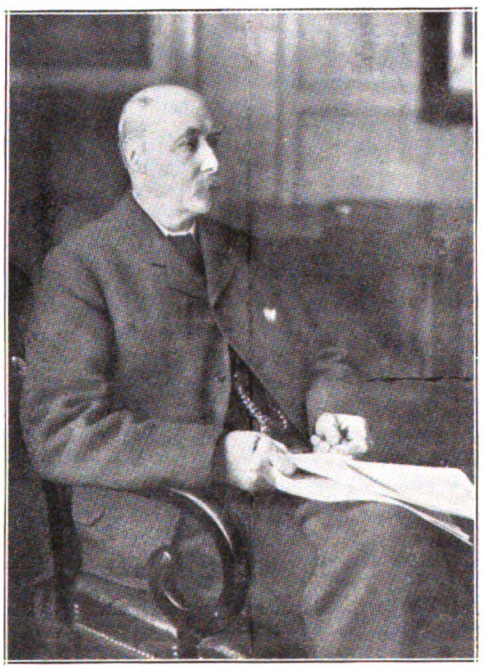
Obituary.

Major F. A. Cubitt.

We have to record this month the death of Major F. A. Cubitt, the last suviving veteran of the FIFTH, who served in the Indian Mutiny. Major Cubitt, who was in his 95th year, died on 2nd April, at his residence, Thorpe Hall near Norwich. As recently as November of last year, he got over an attack of double pneumonia, but the strain of this proved, in the end, too much for one so advanced in years.

Born on 20th November, 1834, he was the elder son of the Rev. F. W. Cubitt, D.D., of Fritton House, near Great Yarmouth. He was educated at Rugby and



MAJOR F. A. CUBITT.

Cambridge, but left the University early to join the West Norfolk Militia, specially embodied for the Crimean War, under Colonel (afterwards Sir Hambledon) Custance. While the regiment was at Fermoy in January, 1856, it was called upon for volunteers. Young Cubitt applied, and in February received his commission in the 5th Fusiliers, joining the depôt at Chatham. When he sailed in July with a draft for Mauritius, where the FIFTH was then stationed, the regiment still wore the old coatee, cross-belts, and white, tight-fitting trousers.

In May, 1857, the FIFTH sailed for Hong-Kong, to take part in the China Expedition. Lord Elgin, afterwards Viceroy of India, had been sent to China as special Envoy, and at the request of Lord Canning, the Governor-General, he took upon himself the responsibility of diverting to India troops intended for the Far East. When the FIFTH reached Singapore it was turned back and sent to Calcutta. On arrival there Cubitt was left at Dum Dum in charge of the depôt, but in October, much to his satisfaction, he was permitted to join a detachment under Captain Fanning, of the 44th, for operations in the interior. At Allahabad the detachment joined a force under Colonel Powell, of the 53rd, to escort the heavy guns of the Naval Brigade —the latter under the command of the intrepid Captain William Peel, R.N., brother of Sir Robert Peel—to Lucknow.

At the small but severe action at Kudjiva, Powell was killed, and Peel took over command. The force pushed on to Cawnpore, crossed the Ganges, and joined the main force then assembling under Sir John Campbell afterwards Lord Clyde. Lieutantant Cubitt went through all the operations of the November relief of Lucknow, and when Sir Colin withdrew the main body to Cawnpore, the FIFTH formed part of the force left at the Alum Bagh camp, near Lucknow, under Sir James Outram. On the return of Sir Colin in March, 1858, the FIFTH participated in the capture of the city of Lucknow, and Cubitt was wounded in one of the attempted interceptions of the enemy retreat.

At Cawnpore in April and May the FIFTH suffered very heavily from heat apoplexy, and on 4th June they were hurried up (in four marches only) to Kalpee to join part of the command of Sir Hugh Rose, afterwards Lord Strathnairn. When Kalpee had been captured the men of the FIFTH, who were much exhausted, were not taken further, but Sir Robert Napier (afterwards Lord Napier of Magdala) asked for Cubitt, who thus was fortunate enough to see the later stages of the Central Indian campaign. He rejoined the headquarters of the FIFTH at Allahabad at the end of October and in November was with them at Doundia Kaiera, their last action in the Mutiny of any importance, and the taking of Oomrah Fort, on 2nd December. He had then had 14 months of continuous and arduous campaigning.

In November, 1859, Cubitt "got his company," and was temporarily again at Mauritius, with the 2nd Battalion, rejoining the 1st Battalion later at home. Upon retiring a few years later, Major Cubitt received a commission as adjutant of the 2nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteers at Great Yarmouth, subsequently transferring to a like post with the 1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteers at Norwich. For many years he took an active part in the work of the Norfolk Volunteers' Association, and in other county affairs.

Though so long retired from the Regiment, he never ceased to take a keen interest in its concerns, and his presence at Regimental occasions was, till quite recent years, a foregone conclusion. To the day of his death he was a constant reader of the *St. George's Gazette*.

The funeral took place at Thorpe St. Andrew, and at it the 5th Fusiliers were represented by Major O. B. Foster (who acted as a pall bearer) and Lieut.-Col.

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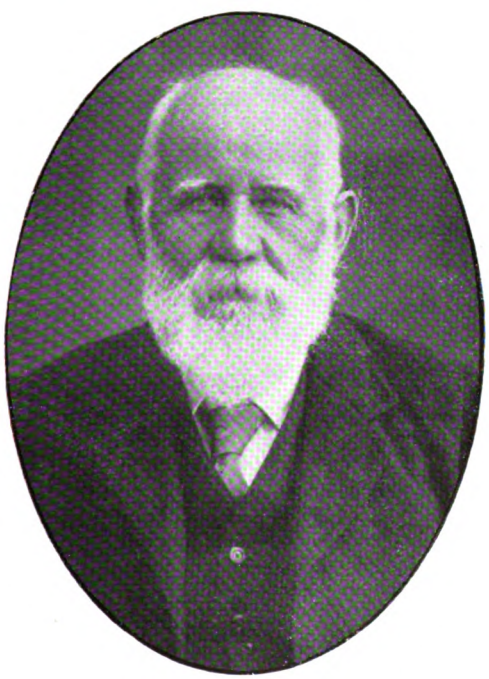
Ellison, also by R.S.M. Rowsell, R.Q.M.S. Captaff, C.S.M. Scott, C.S.M. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. Bramley and Sjt. Timbers who acted as bearers. A wreath was sent by all ranks of the 5th Fusiliers, which was given place of honour on the coffin, and another one by the 5th Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association.

Major Cubitt leaves three sons and one daughter. His eldest son, Sir Bertram Cubitt, K.C.B., was lately Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the War Office, and his youngest son is Major-Gen. Cubitt, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 2nd Division at Aldershot. To all these we express the sympathy of their father's comrades in his old Regiment.

Mr. G. W. Grigg.

It is, indeed, with very sincere personal regret, which will, we feel, be shared by all our readers, that we have



MR. G. W. GRIGG.

to record the death, which took place on 8th April, of Mr. G. W. Grigg, the head of the firm of G. W. Grigg and Son, Ltd., who for 37 years have printed and published the *St. George's Gazette*. The relations which existed between Mr. Grigg and a succession of Editors were far more than the warm mutual respect which exists between two concerns transacting business together over a long period of time. To Mr. Grigg the 5th Fusiliers were the shining example of a British Military Unit. Their Patron Saint, and England's, he adopted as his own special "Ikon." We have had the privilege of visiting him in his own home. His house was called "Saint George," and we were shown, with pride, a garden roller with "Saint George" painted upon it. No eulogy which we could write would more faithfully portray the warm affection that the late Mr. Grigg bore towards the Regiment than the simple example of it we have given.

As in his life, so in his death, was evinced his love of "St. George." By his own request the only flowers permitted at his funeral was a bunch of red and white roses tied with St. George's ribbon, which was laid upon his coffin, and by his will he left a legacy to the Regimental Aid Society, which throughout his life he had so generously supported. A comrade in thought, though not in arms, has left us, and we feel we are voicing the wishes of all ranks of the Regiment in tendering to his widow, his children and his employees our tribute to his memory and our sympathy in their bereavement.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

April, 1929.

LONG before we left Ireland we were looking forward to our first St. George's Day in York, anticipating a real re-union of past and present members of all Ranks of the Regiment, on this, the first occasion for many years, that one of its Battalions has been so near home. As the day grew nearer and nearer, and acceptances began to pour in, we knew that we were not going to be disappointed, and our only anxiety was as to what the weather would be. Fortunately the St. George's Day tradition held, and we were favoured with a bright, if somewhat cold day.

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The earliest arrivals were two very welcome guests of the Serjeants' Mess, ex-Pioneer Serjeant Harvey and ex-Bandsman Waters, both from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, two fine old soldiers who, we hope, thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Although their soldiering days ended long ago, they had evidently not forgotten what it meant to turn themselves out smartly, and we were proud to have amongst us two such splendid examples of the FIFTH of old.

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"Chips" Harvey, as he is best known, enlisted in 1866—before many of our fathers were even born!—and was discharged in 1887. He is in possession of the Afghan Medal, 1878–'79–'80, and can tell many tales of soldiering on the North-West Frontier, which would seem almost unbelievable to the soldiers of 1929.

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Bandsman Waters had a more varied career. Enlisting in 1882, he joined the 1st Battalion at Mullingar, and six weeks later went to India. After being discharged in 1897, he joined the Royal Navy and went to China. He served in the Navy until 1901, and was then discharged. After the outbreak of the Great War he re-enlisted for Home Service in June, 1915, and was finally discharged on 31st December, 1917. Waters

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Past and Present Officers of the Regiment at York on St. George's Day, 1929.

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is in possession of the China Medal, 1900. Before closing the notes on these two veterans, it is perhaps interesting to relate that Harvey's first entry on his conduct sheet (we are not sufficiently well informed to know whether he had any others), was for the then military offence of having shaved his face ! Perhaps it is necessary to explain to our younger readers that in those days it was obligatory for pioneers to wear beards.

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We regret (the " we " being used in the *sub*-editorial sense) that we omitted to send our representative to report events at the Station Hotel, York, on the evening of 22nd April, as it appears, from scraps of information gleaned, that on that evening the Hotel provided a fertile source of " copy " such as rarely comes the way of a battallon correspondent. The scenes of hearty, even boisterous welcome, as one after another, past officers of the Regiment entered the Hotel—in that odd, rather hesitating way that one always does enter a strange hotel—only to find it full of familiar faces, were appparently worthy of the most complete description.

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On the 22nd, and on St. George's Day, past Officers and their wives and families foregathered from almost every corner of the kingdom ; special excursion trains from Newcastle-upon-Tyne brought a party of 99 recruits from the Depôt, a good contingent of Old Comrades and hosts of past and present Other Ranks and their wives and families. It is sufficient testimony to many of the latter to mention that they danced at the Serjeants' Ball until the small hours, and then took a train back to Newcastle at about 3 a.m., which got them back just in time to start work the next, or rather the same morning.

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We were very glad that our Colonel, Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, was again able to come for St. George's Day and be here to take the march past.

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There were two features of this St. George's Day which have not been common to it in recent years. The first was the presence of the Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Captain A. Lambert, M.C., whom we were particularly glad to welcome. Capt. Lambert himself served in the FIFTH during the War, and since taking office has displayed the keenest interest in the Regiment, never hesitating to give up his precious time to any movement in which he is able to lend us his valuable support, for the benefit of past or serving soldiers of the FIFTH.

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The second was the presence of a number of officers of the Territorial battalions of the Regiment, whom, again, we were especially glad to have with us. Our only regret with regard to them was that, from sheer lack of space, we were unable to entertain more of them after the Trooping of the Colours.

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Including Officers of the Battalion and their wives, there were just over 220 guests for lunch, and the fact that we were obliged to over-flow into two marquees made us doubly thankful for a fine day. Whilst on the subject of lunch, we must give a word of praise to Capt. Gatehouse and the Mess Committee, whose hard work and efficient arrangements ensured that everything went off so smoothly.

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The following are the names of past officers of the Regiment and their families who attended :—

Major-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, Lady Wilkinson, The Misses Wilkinson, Brig.-Gen. Armstrong, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Athill, Air-Commodore Bonham-Carter, Mrs., Miss and Mr. Bonham-Carter, Lieut.-Col. Bett, Lieut.-Col. Blair-Imrie, Capt. Blackett-Ord, Lieut.-Col., Mrs., Miss and Mr. Cruddas, Col. and Mrs. Dashwood, Lieut.-Col. Enderby, Lieut.-Col. and Lady Donatia Gething, Lieut.-Col. Heard, Major and Mrs. Holderness, Brig.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton and Mrs. Lambton, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Lamb, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Landon, Lieut.-Col. Leverson, Major Prideaux, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Roddam, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Ritson, Lieut.-Col. Rushbrooke, Mrs. Shakerley, Col. Sapte, Col. Sturgess, Col. Stewart, Major and Mrs. St. John and two Masters St. John, Major and Mrs. Thornton, Major Woods, Brig.-Gen and Mrs. Yatman.

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The following other Regimental guests accepted :—

Lieut.-Col. Anderson (Commanding 5th Bn.) and Mrs. Anderson, Col. and Mrs. Brown, Lieut.-Col. Brooke, Capt. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Brewis, Mr. Bradford, Major-Gen. N. Cameron (Commanding 49th West Riding Area) and Mrs. Cameron, Capt. Carrick, Rev. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. Chaytor, Capt. Chipper, Capt. Dent, Capt. Darley, Capt. and Mrs. Fryer, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fishbourne, Capt. Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, Rev.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR PERCY WILKINSON AND MAJOR-GENERAL N. CAMERON, COMMANDING WEST RIDING AREA, WITH LADY WILKINSON AND MRS. CAMERON AMONG THE SPECTATORS DURING THE TROOPING OF THE COLOURS.

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and Mrs. Hughes, Capt. and Mrs. Harriott, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Hobbs, Col. and Mrs. Ingpen, Mr. Leech, Brigadier Sir Reginald and Lady May, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. McCall, Capt. A. Lambert, Mrs. Neville, Major and Mrs. Nettlefold, Lieut.-Col. Platt, Major Pickering, Lady Shute, Capt. Trenam, Major and Mrs. Underhill, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Wilson, Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson (Commanding 6th Bn.) and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Woods, The Very Rev. the Dean of York and Mrs. Ford, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, the Sheriff of York, Mrs. Birks.

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Messages of good wishes for St. George's Day were received from :—

2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Bns., The Depôt, Lieut.-Col. Auld, Col. and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, General Girdwood, General Buckley, General Festing, General Sitwell, Col. Sir A. Whitaker, Col. Clifford, Col. Sandilands, Col. and Mrs. Ainslie, Col. Somerville, Col. Gibbs, Col. Moulton-Barrett, Col. Wild, Col. Sant, Col. Carthew, Col. Birney, Col. Charles Wood, Col. Bromfield, Col. Coles, Col. Larpent, Col. Forsyth, Col. and Mrs. Gordon,

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Major Gordon Douglas, Major Douglas, Major Sarel, Major Buchanan, Major Greville Williams, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Major Burleigh Leach, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Crawhall, Mr. Kilgour, Capt. Hamilton, Capt. Pease, Capt. Scaife, Capt. and Mrs. Hopkinson, Mr. Pringle, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Kershaw, Mr. Forbes-Watson, Capt. Lynch Staunton, Capt. Cresswell Hobbs, Capt. and Mrs. Fenwick, Capt. Hervey-Bathurst, Capt. Trenam, Lieut.-Col. Salier.

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In spite of the large proportion of very young soldiers in the ranks, the parade was very satisfactorily carried out, and everyone, past or present, pronounced it good. There was no fault to be found with their steadiness on parade, and the drill and march past were good. The only general criticism that can be made is that the arms drill, though smart and well together, was too fast. The march past was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, and the Advance in Review Order and General Salute by Major-Gen. Cameron, Commanding West Riding Area. The King's and Regimental Colours were carried by Mr. Enderby and Mr. Hobbs respectively, and the Company Commanders were :—Escort to the Colours, Capt. Pemberton; No. 2 Company, Mr. Bolster; No. 3 Company, Mr. Yorke; No. 4 Company, Mr. Parsons.

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The Manchester Station of the British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast the ceremony, and it was relayed by all North of England stations—Leeds, Bradford, Hull, Newcastle-upon-Tyne—so doubtless many interested in the Regiment, who were unable to be present, were able to follow the parade through the medium of the microphone. A listener from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who was afterwards at the Serjeants' Ball, said the broadcast was excellent. A host of press photographers appeared, and Mr. Speer, who was detailed to control their activities, found them rather a handful. They certainly spared no efforts to secure photographs, and the reproductions in this number, are some of them, selected from various North-country papers. We now await with interest a cinema film which was taken by an operator, who was equally as assiduous in his efforts as the press photographers.

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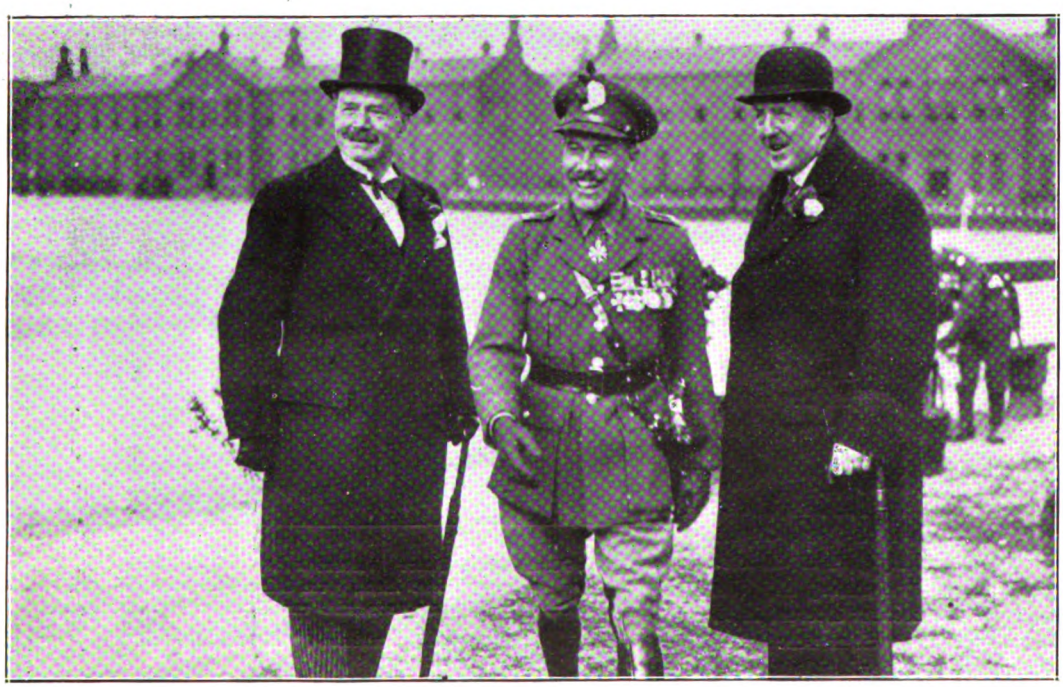
St. George's Ball, given by the W.O.'s, Staff Serjeants and Serjeants, was a huge success. A first-rate ballroom had been hired, and the decorations and lighting effects were most artistic and a great credit to the hard-working committee. A word of praise is also due to the Band, who after taking part in the parade in the morning, and giving a long programme of music after lunch, played with unabated enthusiasm (and, as many said, better than they had even played before), to the end.



ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1929.

(*Left to right*) Capt. A. Lambert, M.C., Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Lieut.-Col. Herbert. Major B. T. St. John.

(*Photograph by "Yorkshire Herald."*)

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On the night of St. George's Day, Major-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, Major Foster, Capt. Powell and Mr. Threlfall represented the Regiment at a Festival Banquet given by the Sheffield Branch of the Royal Society of St. George. Major-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson proposed the toast "England and the Immortal Memory of Shakespeare and all Illustrious Englishmen and Englishwomen throughout the Ages." Major Foster responded to the toast, "The Imperial Forces."

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So ended St. George's Day. Immediately it was over, "X" and M.G. Companies came to earth with a bump and set about preparations for their move to Strensall for the second stage of Company Training. The two Companies will be under canvas and will march out and pitch camp on arrival. The weather forecasts within twelve hours of the time they are due to move, predict sleet and "some snow" in the North of England, and plenty of rain. Anyway, we wish them luck.

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The Regimental Race at the York and Anisty Point-to-Point is somewhat overshadowed in these notes by the account of St. George's Day. Mr. Yorke's win was a great effort and we heartily congratulate him. It was an excellent and very exciting finish; the backers of "Copper" suggest that he was defeated through Mr. Yorke having studied

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the art of making a noise like a riderless horse! Needless to say, we dismiss the suggestion as unworthy and the outcome of a prejudice founded on purely mercenary considerations. A separate account appears from the pen of our racing scribe, whilst our Spring poet has given us a realistic picture of the race, and the mixed feelings of anticipation of the riders.

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The Northern Command Bronze Medal Tournament was held early in April. We entered two Tug-of-war teams, one 130 st. and one 110 st., and a Bayonet Fencing team, the latter at very short notice. The entries for Tug-of-war were disappointing. The 130 stone team were unopposed. In the 110 stone competition only ourselves, the King's Regiment, and 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards competed. We drew a bye in the first round. The King's Regiment beat the Cavalry very easily in two straight pulls. In the final we beat the King's Regiment by two pulls to none, thus qualifying for the Royal Tournament. The King's Regiment represented the Northern Command in the Royal Tournament last year.

Football.

The Battalion team suffered their first defeat in the York and District Half-Holiday League, at the hands of York Wednesday. They were, however, without Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton at half-back, these two having been selected as reserves for the Army *v.* Navy match; and Fus. Charlton, right back, was also out of the team. They are still top of the League, and last week were victorious in the final of the Half-Holiday Cup.

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The following were the final placings in the Inter-Company League :—

H.Q. Wing	8 points.
"W" Company	6 ,,
"Y" Company	3 ,,
M.C. Company	2 ,,
"X" Company	1 point

Regimental Dinner.

The Annual Regimental Dinner will be held in the Whitehall Rooms, at the Hotel Metropole, on Thursday, 6th June, at 7.45 p.m. (for 8 o'clock). Entrance in Whitehall Place.

Boxing.

The Inter-Company Team Championships for the Hart Shield was fought off in the Garrison Gymnasium, at 8 p.m., on Monday and Tuesday, the 15th and 16th April, 1929.

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As anticipated, the entries were excellent, and each of the five Companies produced a full team, with the exception of "X" Company, who were deficient of a Light-Heavy and Catch-Weight, and M.G. Company had no men weighing under 8.6 for Bantam-Weight and were therefore handicapped.

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The fighting each night proved to be far above the usual standard, and the display of grit and determination of every competitor was very marked.

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All the fights were excellent, and it is impossible to single out any for special praise without doing injustice to the rest.

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The draw and results are appended :—

Points were awarded as follows :—

2 points for a win.
2 points for a bye.
1 point for a loss.
No point if disqualified.

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The Officials each night were :—

Referee.—Lieut. Carr-Ellison.

Judges.—Capt. Duncan, M.C., The Black Watch; Capt. Brennan, The King's Own.

AFTER THE PARADE.—LODGING THE COLOURS IN FRONT OF OFFICERS' MESS.

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Time-keepers.—Lieut. Yorke, 2nd-Lieut. Laing.
M.C.—R.S.M. Rowsell. *Whip.*—C.S.M. Scott.
N.C.O. i/c. Ring.—Sjt. Mansey, Depôt, West Yorks.

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Bantam-Weight—8 stone 6 lbs. and under.

Boy Kelly, H.Q. Wing
—— ——, M.G. Coy. } Boy Kelly

Byes :— Fus. Richardson, "Y" Coy. } Fus. Richardson

Fus. Cranner, "W" Coy.
Fus. Bell, "X" Coy. } Fus. Cranner

Fus. Cranner

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 6; "X" Coy., 3; "Y" Coy., 5; M.G. Coy., 0; H.Q. Wing, 3.

Feather-Weight—9 stone and under.

Fus. Farrow, "Y" Coy.
Fus. Cain, M.G. Coy. } Fus. Cain

Byes.— Lce.-Cpl. Collighan, "X" Coy. } L/Cpl. Collighan

L/Cpl. Paindovoine, H.Q. Wing
Fus. Gofton, "W" Coy. } Fus. Gofton

L/Cpl. Collighan

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 5; "X" Coy., 6; "Y" Coy., 1; M.G. Coy., 3; H.Q. Wing, 3.

Light-Weight—9 stone 9 lbs. and under.

Fus. Carr, "W" Coy.
L/Cpl. Hanlon, "X" Coy. } Fus. Carr

Byes :— Fus. Irving, "Y" Coy. } Fus. Irving

Fus. Allinson, M.G. Coy.
Fus. Murr, H.Q. Wing } Fus. Allinson

Fus. Irving

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 3; "X" Coy., 1; "Y" Coy., 6; M.G. Coy., 5; H.Q. Wing, 3.

Welter-Weight "A"—10 stone 7 lbs. and under.

Fus. Colley, H.Q. Wing
Fus. Bean, "X" Coy. } Fus. Colley

Byes :— Fus. James, M.G. Coy. } Fus. Colley

Fus. Morton, "W" Coy.
Fus. McKie, "Y" Coy. } Fus. Morton

Fus. Colley

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 5; "X" Coy., 1; "Y" Coy., 3; M.G. Coy., 3; H.Q. Wing, 6.

Welter-Weight "B"—10 stone 7 lbs. and under.

Fus. Johnson, "W" Coy.
Fus. Mason, H.Q. Wing } Fus. Johnson

Byes :— Fus. Rose, "X" Coy. } Fus. Johnson

Fus. Kelly, "Y" Coy.
Fus. Loan, M.G. Coy. } Fus. Loan

Fus. Johnson

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 6; "X" Coy.; 3; "Y" Coy., 3; M.G. Coy., 5; H.Q. Wing, 1.

Middle-Weight—11 stone 6 lbs. and under.

Fus. Heywood, "Y" Coy.
L/Cpl. Sharpe, M.G. Coy. } L/Cpl. Sharpe

Byes :— Fus. Smith, H.Q. Wing } L/Cpl. Sharpe

Fus. Watson, "X" Coy.
L/Cpl. Langley, "W" Coy. } L/Cpl. Langley

L/Cpl. Sharpe

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 5; "X" Coy., 3; "Y" Coy., 1; M.G. Coy., 6; H.Q. Wing, 3.

Light-Heavy-Weight—12 stone 7 lbs. and under.

Fus. Selby, "W" Coy.
—— —— "X" Coy. } Fus. Selby

Byes :—Fus. Morley, "Y" Coy. } Fus. Morley

Fus. Bishop, M.G. Coy.
Fus. Jauncey, H.Q. Wing } Fus. Bishop

Fus. Morley

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 3; "X" Coy., 0; "Y" Coy., 6; M.G. Coy., 5; H.Q. Wing, 3.

Catch-Weight.

Fus. Hayton, "W" Coy.
—— —— "X" Coy. } Fus. Hayton

Byes :— Fus. Anderson, M.G. Coy. } Fus. Anderson

L/Cpl. Stockton, "Y" Coy.
Dmr. Booth, H.Q. Wing } L/Cpl. Stockton

L/Cpl. Stockton

Points for Shield.—"W" Coy., 3; "X" Coy., 0; "Y" Coy., 6; M.G. Coy., 5; H.Q. Wing, 3.

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Total points for Shield :—

"W" Company	gained	36 points.
"X" Company	,,	17 ,,
"Y" Company	,,	31 ,,
M.G. Company	,,	32 ,,
H.Q. Wing	,,	25 ,,

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At the conclusion of the meeting the Commanding Officer, before presenting the Shield and Medals to "W" Company and the runners-up, the Machine Gun Company, said that it was the finest Regimental boxing he had witnessed during his service, and that he hoped the Battalion would make great efforts to hold the Shute Cup next season, in spite of the fact that the runners-up of the Army Cup, the East Lancashire Regiment, would be in the Northern Command next year. He also congratulated all the competitors, and said that he fancied our chances next year, and would still follow the progress of the Battalion in the Boxing Competitions, although he would not be with us.

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We take this opportunity of thanking the judges, Capt. Duncan and Capt. Brennan, for officiating so capably both evenings.

The Regimental Race. 1929.

The Regimental Race for Colonel Yatman's Challenge Cup was run at the York and Ainsty Point-to-Point, at Easingwold, on 16th April.

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The course was over three miles of stiff hunting country with some 23 fences.

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The going was very hard indeed, but none of the horses showed any sign of soreness next day, which speaks volumes for the care taken by Copp.

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The result of the race was as follows :—

		Rider.
1.	Mr. R. H. Yorke's Govt. charger WILFRED	Owner
2.	Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert's ch. g. COPPER	Owner
3.	Mr. G. H. Bolster's ch. g. MULBERRY	Owner
4.	Mr. S. Enderby's b. g. POOR PAT	Owner
5.	Capt. K. R. Seth-Smith's b. g. TALL STORY	Mr. J. A. Sperling
6.	Mr. F. H. Butterfield's ch. g. YOICKS	Owner

Also ran, but did not complete the course :—

Mr. G. P. Hobbs' ch. m. POWDER PUFF	Owner
Mr. R. Clarke's Troop horse	Mr. Laing
Mr. Threlfall's Troop horse	Owner

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Betting.—TALL STORY started a hot favourite at 6—4 on, with POOR PAT, WILFRED and COPPER next in demand at prices varying from 5's to 10's; while long odds could be obtained for the rest of the field.

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The Race.—A good start was effected, most of the field

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jumping the first fence together. Mr. Clarke's horse refused at the second fence (the double), and COPPER was soon in the lead and set a good pace, closely followed by WILFRED and Mr. Threlfall's troop horse, the order remaining unchanged for a mile, when Mr. Threlfall's horse ran out, taking with him COPPER and WILFRED, but these two were soon in the picture again and resumed the lead.

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Col. Herbert looked as though he had the race won when jumping the last fence, but Mr. Yorke, showing great judgment came through on the rails and won by half a length, with MULDERRY two lengths behind and the rest in close attendance.

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Mr. Threlfall's troop horse when he ran unshipped his rider, but then completed the course by himself.

The Regimental Race.

(Before and After.)

On the sixteenth day of April we will go to Easingwold,
To ride our Regimental Race in colours gay and bold!
And most of us admit in turn (when each has walked the course)
'Twill be more luck than judgment to complete intact with horse!
We prod the fences, heave a sigh for banks of County Down,
The water and the third-most fence, gives each some cause to frown!
Said Butters: "YOICKS has never *seen* a fence of such degree!"
While hopeful Sam said: "My POOR PAT will jump *that* like a flea!"
Our dashing Geoffrey thought the timber *higher* would be meet,
And others said: "The posts, we fear, will catch him by his *feet*!!"
Our little Seth is safer still alas! upon the ground,
Yet Anthony, we all agree, will get TALL STORY round!
Good luck to you, my worthy friends! and Fifteen Bobbers all!
And may you yet complete the course with neither peck nor fall!
May luck go with you all the way (and now my song is sung),
And you can bet I'm there to see the race be rode—and won!
They're out from the paddock, the great Hour has come!
As down to the post each man goes, one by one,
A bevy of gay multifarious hue,
Mauve, yellow, white, brown and quite three shades of blue!
See! they're off! they're away!—(now, they're lost in the dip),
TALL STORY is fav'rite—on each tremb'ling lip;
What crossing and bumping!—they're over the double,
('Cept Number Two—Laing—who has been left in trouble!)
Right on, up the hill—the wood hides, more or less—
And *we're* left in patience our souls to possess!
They emerge—what is that?—a loose horse do I see?
A rider unshipped—it young Threlfall must be!
And now for the water—*one's* left in the rear—
A jockey in claret—it's Hobbs I declare!
MULDERRY and WILFRED are showing good style,
Yet COPPER is leading along the last mile;
Watch! Watch! They are coming! the last fence in view,
The Colonel is winning—ten lengths—he'll be through!
No! Richard—a spurt—and he's flashed past the post!
With Copper behind—a half length at the most!
Came MULDERRY, POOR PAT, TALL STORY—and last
YOICKS—o'er whom fences no tremor had cast!
The great day is over, and all's said and done,
Hats off to the race that our "Dickey-birds'" won!

"BYSTANDER."

Serjeants' Mess.

April, 1929.

This being the period of St. George there is much to write about. So will commence with what may be called a congratulatory paragraph.

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Our congratulations are due to the following for the various events mentioned.

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To Sjt. Mears on his marriage at St. Andrews Church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 3rd April, 1929, to Miss E. Tradewell.

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May he live long and die happy.

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To Sjt. Croft on obtaining his 1st Class Certificate.

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To Drum-Major Hebbron on winning the 1st round of the Army and Navy Billiard Cup.

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This match was played at the Depôt, West Yorkshire Regt., and his opponent was Lce.-Cpl. Price, of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

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The score was: Drum-Major Hebbron, 250, Lce.-Cpl. Price, 115.

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To Sjt. and Mrs. Hackett on the birth of a son.

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To Sjt. and Mrs. Hick on the birth of a son.

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All are doing very well.

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To R.Q.M.S. Capstaff on winning the Norfolks' Football Sweep.

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To Sjt. Hutchinson on obtaining a Q.1 at Hythe.

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Both Serjeants Forrester and Starbuck have been in hospital lately, but are both now doing well once again.

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On Easter Monday a Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess.

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It was a most successful evening, and was entirely due to the able management of C.S.M. Carlin.

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Bill is rather an adept at running these events.

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Q.M.S. Shaw has just returned from leave looking fit and well as ever.

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On the 6th April, 1929, six of the members, namely R.S.M. Rowsell, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, C.S.M. Scott, C.S.M. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. Bramley and Sjt. Timbers attended the funeral as bearers, of an old FIFTH Officer and Mutiny Veteran, Major F. Cubitt.

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During the month we have had several visits from our old members, to wit, ex-Sjt. Penrose, Joe Wintringham, Sjt. Dorey from the 5th Bn., Mr. Lee and Sjt. Hayward.

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The last named is at present on a course at the School of Signalling at Catterick.

DRUM-MAJOR HEBBRON WITH COLOURS.
(*Photograph by "Northern Echo."*)

We may, and we may not, see him in the Regiment again.

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Let's hope for the former.

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C.S.M. Purcell has survived the onerous duties of Best Man at the wedding of Sjt. Mears.

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He will at least know what to do in the near future.

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Now to the real stuff.

St. George's Day.

St. George's Day has come and gone once again, and what a Day it was indeed.

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After the Parade in the morning we had the pleasure of entertaining some 400 people to luncheon in the Mess and the Garrison School Room.

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The Luncheon Committee, which consisted of Sjt. Crawley, Lce.-Sjts. Pyle and Babington are to be very heartily congratulated on such a splendid show.

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The arrangements were absolutely perfect and everything went off without the slightest hitch.

It was a certainty that all enjoyed their lunch, and in enjoying with such open evidence, gave great pleasure to those who were responsible.

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The Ball was held in the evening, at The Rialto Hall, Fishergate, York, and commenced at 8 p.m.

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Now that all is over and one looks back over that evening, it is a great pleasure to think separately of every little detail, and to pause in wonder at the very evident earnestness and eagerness with which the Committee must have worked.

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The Committee consisted of President R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, C.S.M. Scott, C.Q.M.S. Allan, D.C.M., Sjt. Humphreys, Drum-Major Hebbron and Sjt. Hick, Sjt. Forrester and C.Q.M.S. West.

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To these members of the Mess, unstinted praise must be given by all. To quote the words of the President himself: "They were a D——d fine committee, and all worked extremely well." A better committee could not have been wished for.

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When one entered the Hall a glorious panorama of colour met the eye, the scene was a veritable fairy-land in itself.

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The scheme, in general, was red and white, added to which was the Cross of St. George.

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All around the room were cunning little alcoves, tastefully draped with a curtain effect, and surmounted with the Battle Honours of the Regiment.

BOY PRICE WITH DRUMMERS' COLOUR.
(*Photograph by "Northern Echo."*)

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These were wonderfully drawn and coloured with the Regimental Colours of gosling green and red.

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The roof of the Hall was just one mass of beauty and showed the decorative genius of the persons responsible.

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The whole thing was so gloriously done that it would be invidious to pick out any particular effect.

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The Band of the Battalion played a glorious programme of dance music, which, incidentally, was chosen by the Committee, and many numbers of which were specially arranged by the Bandmaster, Mr. Windram.

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The time and effects of each dance were carried out in a splendid manner, which greatly added to the dancers' pleasure.

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The Guard over the Colours was picked from the Corp of Drums, and were the last word in smartness.

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When actually on guard the sentries were as immobile as statues, and when changing sentries the job was carried out with a clock-like precision.

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To the Band and Guard, congratulations are due, because each in their own way helped to make the show a success.

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The arrangements for supper were carried off without a flaw, and everyone sat down in comfort and thoroughly enjoyed a splendid meal.

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The dancing throughout the whole evening went with a glorious lilt and swing; the enjoyment was spontaneous and lasting; each couple swung round the floor laughing and happy.

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During the evening a flashlight photograph was taken, which ought to fully bear out this statement by showing a mass of happy smiling faces.

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At the conclusion of the actual dance programme the Band struck up with "Blaydon Races," and everyone joined with great fervour in singing and jigging around to the tune of that good old North Country song.

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It was a fitting conclusion to a glorious and memorable evening.

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It was an event which will live long in the memory of those members of the O.C.A. and all other Old Fusiliers who managed to be with us.

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It was a great pity that the Depôt and Territorial Staffs could not have attended the Ball as well as the Parade.

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It is not *too* much to repeat again that the Committee are to be very heartily and sincerely congratulated on their splendid achievement, for such it undoubtedly was.

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Among those present at the Ball were representatives of all Units in the Northern Command, Brig.-Gen. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col. Enderby, Col. Heard, Lieut.-Col. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers and ladies of the Battalion, Col. Leverson, Col. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., Col. R. M. Lamb, D.S.O., Col. and Mrs. Ford, Lieut.-Col. Platt, D.S.O., Air-Comdre. Bonham-Carter, Major Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Capt. Fryer, and Lieuts. Bradford and Foster from 2nd Battalion.

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A large number of notable citizens of the City of York were also present.

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Telegrams were received from the following:—Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn., Lahore; C.Q.M.S. Reaney, Daress-Alaam, Mr. Seager, Mr. Fletcher, Capt. and Mrs. Hopkinson, ex-C.S.M. Bradford, W.O. Gibbs, Paddy Byrne, Mr. Laracy and Mr. Morris, W.O.'s and Serjeants, Depôt, Major Gordon Douglas, Joe Chislett, ex-S.M. Pullen, Jimmy Hutton, C.S.M. Hallion, ex-S.M. Johnston, R.S.M. O'Hara, Windie, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Serjeants' Mess, 6th City Battalion.

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It is regretted that such meagre mention was made of the discharge of ex-Serjeant (Percy) Cole.

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He was a fine type of a Fusilier, and the fact that he has left us will be very much felt. He enlisted on the 5th of June, 1905, and was discharged on the 22nd March, 1929.

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His service has been varied, he having served with 1st Bn. at Calcutta, 3rd Bn. at Bloomfontien, 4th Bn. at Limerick, Territorial Staff of the 7th Bn., finally re-joining and being discharged from the 1st Bn. at York.

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He is now settled in a good job at Leeds, and our best wishes go with him.

" FAGOTTO."

Corporals' Mess.

April, 1929.

St. George's Day is again past. It is the last with the Regiment for a great many of our present members.

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We experienced the usual run of fine weather all the day, and we were glad to meet a few old members among the visitors, namely Cpls. Turnbull and Ferguson, Lce.-Cpls. Avery and Grey from the Regimental Depôt and ex-Lce.-Cpls. Riddle and Whitton whom we hope are doing well in " Civvy Street."

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The Corporals' Ball is being held on Friday, 26th, and we have every reason to believe it will be a huge success.

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A first-class examination was held on the 19th and 20th of last month. We congratulate Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara, who defeated the examiners in all subjects, and Cpls. Shields, Young, R. Taylor, Flint, Lce.-Cpls. Hodgson, Langley, Heard and Wilson who passed in Map Reading, Shields obtaining a " D " and Lce.-Cpl. Neil, who passed in English.

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Lce.-Cpl. Petch has returned from an Education Course with a Q.1, and Lce.-Cpl. Murphy from a Range Finding Course. More knowledge for the M.G. Company.

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We wish to congratulate Cpl. Nicholson, who has just returned from a course at the S.A.S., Hythe, on obtaining a " Distinguished."

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A promotion examination is being held from the 24th to the 26th. There are many beating hearts, especially among the two companies that have just finished training.

" JAZZY."

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

April, 1929.

WE have been very pleased to receive visits from the following :—Lieut.-Col Herbert, Capt. Lindsay, Mr. Carr- Ellison, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Bolster, Mr. Macmullen, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Laing, Mr. Sperling, Capt. Chipper, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Leech, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Crawhall, Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, Major Bradley, Capt. Hare, Capt. Watson, Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, Capt. Rutherford, Mr. Boon, and Mr. Egglishaw.

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During the past month we have received official visits from the following :—Brigadier Sir Reginald S. May (Brigadier i/c Administration, Northern Command), Capt. W. S. Hendry (Inspector of Fire Services, the War Office), Major Harvey Williams (Command Education Officer), Mr. C. L'Estrange Johnston (Acting Area E.O.) and Major C. M. Jervelund and Mr. R. G. Parker, of the Depôt The Green Howards.

Since the 7th January, 1929, personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., have attended courses at the Depôt as under :—

Lewis Gun	60
Section Leading	93
Machine Gun	68
Cooks	11
Mess Serjeants	1
Drill	15
Rangefinder	7
Intelligence duties	14
Total	269

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Mr. R. V. Casebourne, of the 4th Battalion, carried out a twelve days attachment to the Depôt just after Easter.

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There are at present three squads at the Depôt, November No. 2, January and February Squads. We also have eight unsquadded recruits (Special Enlistments). November No. 1 Squad (Sjt. Cross, strength 27) was drafted to the 1st Battalion on 19th April. Mr. C. E. Beckwith conducted the draft. November No. 2 Squad is due to be drafted to the 1st Battalion on 4th April, 1929. We expect to form another Standard Squad early in May.

Extracts, Depot Orders, Part 2.

No. 4262550 Lce.-Cpl. H. Lee, posted to Depôt from 1st Bn. (25/3/29).
No. 4264390 Fus. F. Cuthbert, tour of duty extended to 1/4/30.
No. 4265863 Fus. J. Carradice, posted to Depôt from 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4265283 Fus. G. T. Hodgson, posted to Depôt from 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4264014 Dmr. D. Rarity, posted to Depôt from 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4265822 Fus. T. Shaw, posted to Depôt from 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4263948 Fus. J. Adamson, re-posted to 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4263837 Fus. J. Mullen, re-posted to 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4263889 Dmr. J. McCartney, re-posted to 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4262732 Fus. J. Oyston, re-posted to 1st Bn. (2/4/29).
No. 4257149 Sjt. W. Marrs, permitted to continue in the service for a further period of 1 year to 21/1/31.
No. 4265049 Fus. M. Flowers (Depôt Staff) discharged (11/4/29).
No. 4263258 Lce.-Sjt. F. Gray passed in Map reading at the March Examination for 1st Class Certificate of Education.

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A draft of 27 Other Ranks for discharge and transfer to the Army Reserve, arrived from the 2nd Battalion on the 8th April, and were disposed of on the following day.

Strength on 22/4/29 :—Depôt Staff 67. Recruits, 91.

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We very much regret to have to announce the death of Major W. F. Armstrong, D.S.O., M.C., of the 21st Field Brigade Royal Artillery, who died on the 13th of April, as a result of injuries received when riding in the heavyweight race at the Morpeth Point-to-Point, on that day. All the Officers of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôt attended the funeral, and a private of the 68th and a Fusilier acted as wreath bearers. Two wreaths were sent, one from the Officers and one from the Other Ranks of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts.

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On the 4th of April, Mr. B. T. G. Pringle, was married to Miss Joan Stephenson, the eldest daighter of Col. R. Stephenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Stephenson of Benwell Lodge. Col. Stephenson, who served in the Regiment during the Great War will be remembered by many for his never failing hospitality. Mr. G. C. Humphreys was the best man.

Boxing.

The Quarterly 5th/68th Regimental Depôts' Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition took place on 25th March, when some good contests were witnessed. We were somewhat lucky to win, and it was disappointing that the boxing of our representatives was not of the same standard as that displayed at the previous Inter-Squad Competition. The results were as follows :—

Bantams.

Fus. Moulding *v.* Pte. O'Toole. Winner, Pte. O'Toole.
Fus. Redman *v.* Pte. Blonch. Winner, Fus. Redman.
Fus. Patterson *v.* Pte. Jones. Winner, Pte. Jones.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Curry *v.* Pte. Hepburn. Winner, Fus. Curry.
Fus. J. W. Thompson *v.* Pte. Lewis. Winner, Fus. Thompson.
Fus. Simmons *v.* Pte. Walker. Winner, Pte. Walker.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Bonner *v.* Pte. Worthy. Winner, Fus. Bonner.
Fus. Manning *v.* Pte. McGuire. Winner, Pte. McGuire.
Fus. Winlow *v.* Pte. Robson. Winner, Fus. Winlow.

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Newton *v.* Pte. Garnet. Winner, Fus. Newton.
Fus. Wilson *v.* Pte. Dunbar. Winner, Fus. Wilson.
Fus. Ridley *v.* Pte. Knox. Winner, Fus. Ridley.

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Fleming *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Winner, Lce.-Cpl. Gray,

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Depôt, Fifth Fusiliers .. .. 21 points.
Depôt, Durham Light Infantry .. 18 ,,

Association Football.

The following matches in the Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League have been played since our last notes :—

27/3/29—Depôt *v.* The Depôt The D.L.I. Won, 3—0.
3/4/29—Depôt *v.* P.O. Wednesday. Won, 8—1.

Team.— Fus. Sanderson.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Sjt. Bowker.
Sjt. Cross. Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Jarmain.
Cpl. Taylor.

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Extract from League Table :—

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Museum.

The following donations to help to start the Depôt Regimental Museum are gratefully acknowledged up to date, 21st April, 1929 :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged ..	32	2	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. H. Armstrong, C.B.E.	0	10	0
Alfred Brewis, Esq.	1	0	0
T. E. Bland, Esq.	5	0	0
Capt. W. H. Braddell	1	0	0
Major A. M. Gibbes	0	10	0
Major H. C. Hall (2nd donation) ..	1	0	0
Major B. E. Hervey Bathhurst	1	1	0
I. J. Kilgour, Esq.	0	10	0
Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C.	0	10	0
Lt.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O.	1	0	0
Total	£44	3	0

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The following donors are gratefully thanked for their presentations of the following gifts of interest to the Museum :

Major H. C. Hall, a collection of trophies from Omdurman, including a coat of mail, Dervish spears, praying board, Dervish dress, waterbottle, etc.

R.S.M. Rowsell, 1st Battalion, powder trail.

Mr. J. Byrne, Barbican, Alnwick, cap badge of rank and file prior to 1880.

J. R. Boon, Esq., German gas mask.

Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., Verey Light pistol (probably German).

St. George's Sunday.

This year, owing to the Depôt visiting the 1st Battalion at York on St. George's Day, the usual Depôt St. George's Day Parade took place on Sunday, 21st April. The parade was held in conjunction with the 6th Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers T.A. and the O.C.A., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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The Depôt (Strength—6 Officers and 125 Other Ranks) and some fifty Old Comrades paraded at Fenham Barracks at

LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, CAPT. A. W. LAMBERT, M.C., AT ELDON SQUARE MEMORIAL.
(Photo by E. W. Gosman.)

10 a.m. Headed by the Band of the 6th Battalion, the party marched *via* Barrack Road, Percy Street, to the South African War Memorial at Barras Bridge, where wreaths were laid by the following :—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (O.C.

COL. WILKINSON AND MAJOR CHENEVIX-TRENCH AT ELDON SQUARE.
(Photo by E. W. Gosman.)

Depôt), Mr. H. Brooks (Vice-Chairman, O.C.A.), C.S.M. J. W. Brooks (South African Northumberland Fusiliers Volunteer Association). Other members of the Association included S/Sjt. W. McMahon, Sjt. F. Darrell, and C.S.M. W. Sidney-Dunlop (Secretary).

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At the same time a wreath was laid on the 6th Battalion War Memorial (which is situated immediately outside St. Thomas's Church and opposite to the South African War Memorial) by Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. (Commanding 6th Battalion).

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At the conclusion of the wreath laying the Band played "The King." The parade then marched to the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, *via* Northumberland Street, Pilgrim Street, and Mosely Street. The order of march was :—Depôt, 6th Battalion, 6th Bn. Old Comrades, and O.C.A.

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The congregation included also the Lord Mayor of London (Sir James E. Kynaston Studd), the Lady Mayoress of London (Lady Kynaston Studd), the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Councillor Arthur W. Lambert), the Lady Mayoress of Newcastle (Mrs. Arthur W. Lambert), the Sheriff (Councillor W. A. Allan), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman R. H. Millican), the Deputy Lady Mayoress (Miss Millican), the Deputy Sheriff (Mr. A. M. Rose), Capt. E. H. Motum (representing the Town Clerk), Alderman J. J. Gillespie, Alderman J. M. L. Criddle, Alderman A. J. Robinson, Alderman J. Lunn, the Chief Constable (Mr. F. J. Crawley), Mr. J. R. Roberts (Magistrates' Clerk), Councillors J. Stephenson (ex-Sheriff), John Barker, John Moore, H. A. Lawson, W. R. Wallace, Mrs. Auld, A. D. Russell, H. Moat, jun., J. Crosby, A. Patton, T. McCutcheon, T. K. Knight, and others.

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It would have been difficult to find a vacant seat when the impressive service opened with the singing of "Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him."

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The Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Bateman-Champain), who preached the sermon, gave a hearty welcome to all who had assembled in that old historic cathedral to observe the festival

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of their patron saint, St. George, who, he said, stood in our national life as a great saint. Robust and virile, St. George of England had something which really appealed to the best in every Northumbrian, because he answered to the great call which Christ made to every man.

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People, continued the Vicar, had so obscured religion as to make it almost unrecognisable, regarding it as a suitable appendage to what might be called modern civilisation—something apart from the things that really mattered in life.

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"We shall never get this world put right," he declared—"never solve our problems until we have, all of us, got hold of Christ's idea, which is embodied in St. George."

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After the sermon, the hymn "St. George of Old the Dragon slew" was sung. At the conclusion of this hymn a procession was formed and wreaths were laid on the 1st and 2nd Battalions Memorial Window by the following:—The Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Councillor Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C.), Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Mr. G. Atkins (O.C.A.).

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The Blessing and the "King" concluded the service.

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A Roll of Honour, containing the names of Officers and men who had lost their lives in the Great War, lay upon a table covered with the Union Jack, and the Cathedral War Memorial was draped with a St. George's Flag.

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Upon leaving the Cathedral, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne took the salute at the corner of St. Nicholas's Square, and the Groat Market, as the troops passed on their way to Eldon Square, where, in the presence of a great crowd, wreaths were deposited at the base of the City War Memorial by The Lord Mayor of London, The Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Mr. C. M. Robinson, Hon. Sec. O.C.A.

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The Band played "The King."

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The Depôt party then returned to barracks, headed by the Drums of the 6th Battalion.

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We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Col. Wilkinson and the Officers of the 6th Battalion for so kindly allowing us the use of the Band and Drums of the Battalion, an act which we very much appreciate.

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Mr. Cross and Drum-Major Snowden are to be congratulated.

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We were very pleased indeed to receive telegrams from the following on St. George's Day:—1st Battalion, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions; Serjeants, 1st Battalion; Col. and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, General Festing, Major Douglas, Mr. Pringle, Colonel Charles Wood, Major Greville Williams, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Captain Cresswell Hobbs, Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, Colonel and Mrs. Ainslie, Major and Mrs. St. John, Old Comrades (London), R.S.M. Johnston, Colonel and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Crawhall, Colonel Sandilands, and Mr. Forbes-Watson.

Aid Society's Ball.

The seventh Annual Ball in aid of the funds of the Regimental Aid Society was held this year in the Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday, 18th April. This year the guests were received by the Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mrs. Arthur Lambert, who was assisted, in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor, by Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Herbert, Commanding the 1st Battalion.

Captain Lambert, M.C.—the Lord Mayor—who served in the Regiment during the Great War, always takes the greatest interest in our doings, and we are sorry that, owing to an important engagement in London, he was unable to be present, and we are grateful to the Lady Mayoress for her kindness in coming and receiving the guests. The Ball was voted a great success by those who attended, and though it has not yet been possible to say how much financial support will be forthcoming for the Aid Society, we hope it will be in excess of £200. This amount will materially assist many deserving cases of past members of the Regiment who are in distress, on Tyneside, and in need of financial support.

To all those who have sent donations and supported the Ball by buying tickets or sending flowers, the grateful thanks of the Regiment are due, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have supported a good cause and helped many men on their way. The success of the Ball, which we hope is now being firmly established, is entirely due to the enthusiasm of the Committee, all of whom were on the Committee last year. We thank them very much indeed for their successful efforts in selling tickets, obtaining donations and attending Committee meetings, and we hope they will realise how grateful we are for all that they have done to bring about such a good result. With such an enthusiastic Hon. Treasurer as Capt. Frank Clayton, and such an artist in decorating and beautifying a ball-room as Mrs. Robert Stephenson, the success of any ball is assured, and if they can find time to always help in the way that they have, we shall be more than grateful. It was remarked that the floral decorations were especially beautiful this year, and this entailed many hours work by Mrs. Stephenson.

As each year comes by it is hoped that more and more people will come to the Ball and help to support past members of their County Regiment, who have fallen on bad times.

An account of the Ball, taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal and North Star* of the 19th April, is appended.

The Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, were like a garden when the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society's ball was held there last night. There were flowers a-riot in every corner—hundreds of daffodils laid in thick gold bars across the green banks that shut in the orchestra; hundreds more making a stately design against the green carpet and mist grey walls of the Wedgwood room; Arum lilies rising in startling whiteness from little bowls of double red anemones in the Falstaff room; and tulips and lilac in crimson and white profusion in the room the guests first entered.

The rooms, beautiful at all times, have rarely looked so lovely as last night; and all the flowers were the gifts of friends of the Society and were arranged by Mrs. Robert Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clayton, and willing helpers.

A regimental touch was not wanting in the charming picture. Drummers of the 6th Battalion in full dress—red coats and busbies—stood at the entrance; and there were sentries over the Colours of the 3rd, the 5th and the 6th (City) Battalions, which made a gay place of the balcony.

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Officers in mess kit carried the vivid splash of regimental colour into the assembly of dancers.

Lord Mayor's Honour.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were expected to receive the guests; but the Lady Mayoress, at the last moment, had to attend alone, as the Lord Mayor was called to London, to be a fellow-guest with the Prince of Wales of the Lord Mayor of London. Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, took the Lord Mayor's place, and with Mrs. Lambert received the guests.

Mrs. Lambert, who looked charming in a beautiful gown all of silver, was presented by a drummer with a bouquet of crimson and white tulips which matched the decorations of the room in which she stood. And Colonel Herbert had a button-hole also to match.

The band was Conri Tait's, and both Conri and Henry Tait were there, playing on two pianos. The programme contained only fox trots and waltzes—not one of the "old-fashioned" dances which have become the new fashion!

There were 275 people present, compared with 277 last year, and it was mentioned that £70 had been received in donations up to the present. Last year's figure reached £126.

Officers from York.

A party of officers from the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, now stationed at York, came all the way to Newcastle specially for the ball. Amongst them were Captain D. S. Lyndsay, M.C., Mr. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Mr. C. E. Beckwith, Mr. G. H. Bolster, Mr. M. N. E. Macmullen, Mr. R. Whelan, Mr. D. Laing, Mr. J. A. Sperling and Mr. F. G. A. Parsons.

From the Depôt, in Newcastle, came Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Captain W. A. Braddell, Captain J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. R. C. Stockley and Mr. A. C. Collingwood.

The Hon. Secretary, Major Chenevix-Trench, and the Hon. Treasurer, Captain F. C. Clayton, were both present, as were most of the members of the Executive and General Committees —Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. F. C. Clayton, Mrs. B. Cruddas, Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, Lady Leith, Captain T. P. Parmeter and Mrs. R. Stephenson (Executive) and (general)—Lady Armstrong, Lieut.-Colonel W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. F. C. Clayton, Mrs. Cruddas, Mrs. C. O. P. Gibson, Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., D.L., Lady Leith, Captain T. P. Parmeter, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. H. B. Robson, the Hon. Mrs. H. B. Robson, Mrs. R. Stephenson, Mrs. Edward Wilkinson and Lieut.-Colonel Edward Wilkinson, M.C.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

24th April, 1929.

APRIL 1st marks the end of the Winter Training Season, and the opening of the Drill Season, and as such, next to the beginning of Annual Camp, is the most momentous date in the Territorial year.

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This year, owing to the large number of extra Vickers Gunners to fire, an early start has been made at Ponteland, with excellent results. The standard in the rifle in particular has been very high, and 60 of the personnel, earmarked for the new M.G. Company, have qualified in the Vickers Gun. It is only proposed to pay two more visits to the range before Camp, when it is hoped to finish off those still remaining. Company Commanders may congratulate themselves on the prospects of, at least, one free week-end before Camp.

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Recruits are coming in steadily, and the quality is good; though it is hoped that the numbers will increase before we go to Camp. Owing to the failure of Spencer's Steel Works and the operation of the Labour Transfer Scheme, an exodus from Newburn is taking place, which is having a disastrous effect on our numbers.

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Indications are not lacking that the time for Camp is drawing close. The Adjutant is going down to Ripon on Sunday, 28th, to view the Camp site, and the Quartermaster and P.R.I. may be seen discussing the respective merits as a beverage, of the products of Messrs. McEwan, Younger and Samuel Smith.

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We are informed that, after exhaustive researches, the beer of McEwan has been pronounced the most nourishing and invigorating, so we may expect to find this on sale in our canteens.

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We congratulate Colonel A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., on the award of the Territorial Decoration.

St. George's Day.

Owing to the proximity of the 1st Battalion at York, it was thought advisable to leave St. George's Day free to enable those who intend to do so, to go down to the Trooping of the Colours.

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The Officers' Dinner was held at Tilley's Restaurant, on 19th April. We were pleased to welcome Colonel W. St. A. Warde Aldam, but were much disappointed that Colonel Foster was unable to be present. A telegram was received from him, wishing the Battalion the best of luck. The following Officers of the Regiment, past and present, were there:— Col. Cruddas, Major W. E. Stephenson, Major Bradley, Captains Hare, Charlewood, Gibson, Wood, Watson, Chipper, Clarke, Fryer, Lieuts. Tood, Clark, Neville, Casebourne, Davison, McLellan, Peters. Capt. Charlewood again acted as Secretary to the Dinner, and our thanks are due to him for the excellent arrangements. We were pleased to see Capt. Chipper looking very fit, in spite of his voyage on the *Tuscania*.

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At the conclusion of the Dinner, the majority of Officers present repaired to the Battalion Dance, which was in progress at Newburn.

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The Dance, very able run by the Committee, consisting of C.S.M. Mitchinson, C.Q.M.S. Cowans, C.Q.M.S. Brown, Sjt. Stamp, Sjt. McIver, Lce.-Cpl. Mitchell, Fusrs. Little, Stones, Butler, was a great success, and was enjoyed by some 300 members of the Battalion and their friends. The distribution of paper hats and novelties of various kinds, added to the gaiety, and everyone returned to bed at 3.30 a.m., having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Church Parade.

Our Annual Church Parade at Newburn, on Sunday, 21st, was attended by about 100 of all ranks of the Battalion.

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Wreaths were laid by the Officers and Serjeants at the Memorial in the Church. A subsequent service was held at the Newburn War Memorial, where two more wreaths were laid.

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The service was conducted by our Chaplain (Mr. Milner).

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We are glad to see that we shall have him with us this year in Camp.

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St. George's Day greetings were received from the following :— 1st Bn., 2nd Bn., Depôt, 5th Bn., 6th Bn., 7th Bn., General Wilkinson, Major St. John, and Major Williams.

Serjeants' Mess.

Newburn.

We have great pleasure in welcoming R.S.M. Newton to the Mess, and hope he will have a very enjoyable time with us.

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Training is in full swing, and the chief topic is the " Machine Gun."

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In spite of 10 new valves, our wireless refuses to function.

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It is suggested that we get in touch with " Condenser " before scrapping it.

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The chief billiard match during the month was Young Soldiers *versus* Old Soldiers, the result being :—

C.S.M. Blakey, C.S.M. Locke .. 126 — Capt. Watson, R.S.M. Newton .. 90

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In the early stages it was great odds against the " Youngsters," as the R.S.M. found his W.A. form, but his partner could not stay the distance.

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C.S.M. Blakey is now Instructor to the Prudhoe (Guards), and we hope he will enjoy the change over with C.S.M. Locke.

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Congratulations to Sjt. (Tom) Kelly on his appointment to Officers' Caterer.

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St. George's Ball (all Ranks) was held on the 19th, and proved a great success.

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The music was supplied by Mr. Briggs' orchestra.

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A Smoking Concert was held in the Serjeants' Mess, Newburn, for the celebration of St. George's Day, for members (past and present), on Saturday, 20th April. We were obliged to hold it on this date owing to some of our members going to York on the 23rd, where they intend to have a real " St. George's Day."

The talent we found among our members and guests was past all expectations. The following programme was rendered :

Song	" Four little fingers and a thumb "	ex-Sjt. R. Elliott
Song	" County Down "	Sjt. Bell
Song	" Ramona "	Sjt. Delaney
Song	" Raffle your Picks "	Hammer Scott
Song	" Thora "	Sjt. Armstrong
Song	" Stammering Sam "	Sjt. Jones
Comic Song	" War Bread "	Mr. Dowden
Song	" Marguerite "	ex-Sjt. Freeborn
Song	" Danny Boy "	Sjt. Simpson
Recitation	" The green eye of the little yellow god "	C.Q.M.S. Cowans
Piano Recital		Mr. Robson
Song	" As your hair grows whiter "	Mr. Downie
Song	" The Banks of the Nile "	C.S.M. Stuart

I must mention here that C.S.M. Stuart has been on the Nile.

Song	" Mother McCree "	Sjt. Kelly
Song	" Hot Asphalt "	Old George

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" The Fusiliers' Whisper " seemed to take a most prominent part in the programme.

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Our thanks are due to C.Q.M.S. Cowans, who was in the chair, and the Committee, and we hope to have more of these social evenings in the near future.

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Greetings were received from 1st Bn., Depôt, 5th Bn., 6th Bn. and 7th Bn.

Haltwhistle Detachment.

It is St. George's Day as we write these notes, but our celebrations are now over, although there have been few days this last week when we were not wearing our Red and White Roses.

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On Friday night, 19th, the Annual Dinner of the Officers (Past and Present) of the Battalion was held at Tilley's ; both Capt. Hare and Mr. Clark were present. There was also a Dance at Headquarters, which was, we understand, a great success.

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On Saturday, 20th, we held a small Dance at the Drill Hall, Haltwhistle, for the benefit of the Haltwhistle members of the Company, and we were pleased to see that one at least of the Haydon Bridge Detachment joined us, and, we hope, enjoyed himself.

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On Sunday, 21st, we had our Annual Church Parade at the Parish Church. This parade was not as well attended as we had hoped, owing largely to the fact that, although a bus was sent down for them, only three of the Haydon Bridge contingent turned up. We are afraid that someone forgot about the Daylight Saving Bill.

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We have started our musketry on Haydon Bridge Range, and dislike it as much as usual! When are the authorities going to give us a Range at Haltwhistle ?

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5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,

27th April, 1929.

ST. George's Day has just been celebrated and recollection is still somewhat hazy.

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This year, some members of the Battalion were fortunate enough to witness the Trooping of the Colours by the 1st Bn. at York, the Commanding Officer, Major, and Adjutant being present. In view of their accounts, we have all registered vows to have maiden aunts dying or to feel indisposed (as far as business is concerned) next St. George's Day.

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Later in the evening we held our Annual Dinner at Walker, when the guest of the evening was our Honorary Colonel, Brigadier-General H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., whom we were very pleased to see amongst us. Among the other guests present were the following:—Lieut.-Col. R. Errington, M.C., Major Hill, M.C., Lieut.-Col. T. A. Higgingbottom, Capt. Kinsella, Major P. P. Phillips and Major R. Gibson.

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Altogether some 49 Officers' guests sat down to dinner. An early gathering was made and things were very cheery before dinner. After dinner, Captain R. Forster kept us guessing by producing the "Lady," removing the Ace of Spades from pockets at will, and other wonderful feats. A mock trial was then held, when a certain junior Subaltern was court-martialled for masquerading as a certain psuedo Colonel of repute.

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Towards midnight the party broke up, and re-assembled, in part, at Tilley's Assembly Rooms, where the 6th Battalion were holding their St. George's Ball. Here we were made welcome, and all footed it featly until such time as we had perforce to disperse. This ended (officially) St. George's Day, 1929.

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We must thank the following for their telegrams of greetings, received on St. George's Day:—Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., the 1st Bn., 5/68th Regtl. Depôt, 4th, 6th and 7th Bns. and Major St. John.

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We congratulate our Medical Officer, Captain N. R. Rawson, R.A.M.C., on his promotion to that rank.

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Our first Tactical Exercise of the year was held at Hexham from 12th to 14th April, where an enjoyable week end was spent, both in work and play. Some 12 Officers attended, including the C.O., 2nd in Command, Adjutant, and all Company Commanders. Fortunately the weather was fine, and the whole place possessed an air of geniality as compared with last year. One of the Company Commanders exhibited a latent talent for horticultural pursuits and gave a very able demonstration of his ability amongst the plants and flowers. Another junior Company Commander, owing to the rough seas at the mouth of the harbour and the scarcity of salmon in the upper reaches, decided to retire from business and take up the position of masseur at the Hydro. A Ceremonial Parade was held in the turkish bath and with due solemnity the keys, knobs and wheels and other gadgets were handed over by the retiring masseur to the aforesaid Company Commander, he being the most unlikely Officer in the British Army for this purpose. We are sorry to say that he was ignominiously dismissed from his post some two hours later for using a hose instead of a spray on the Adjutant, thereby causing that gentleman to lose two precious ounces in weight.

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Since returning from Hexham it has been decided at a recent press meeting, to purchase alarm clocks for the purpose of awakening senior Officers in time for parade. This, it is hoped, will enable the junior Subalterns to finish their breakfast in peace.

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How our Commanding Officer can play a hard game of Squash, after such a strenuous week-end, is beyond comprehension.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 595 Other Ranks.

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So far recruiting has been satisfactory.

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Our Annual Prize Distribution and Battalion Dance was held during March, when Colonel Warde Aldam, D.S.O., dined with us at Tilley's, Newcastle. After dinner everybody journeyed down to Walker to attend the Dance. Amongst the guests were Col. Pinkney and Col. Athill, the Secretary of our Territorial Association.

Asked to say a few words, Col. St. A. Warde Aldam said a few; confining himself to calling upon Mrs. Anderson, wife of our Commanding Officer, to present the prizes, which she did in her usual able manner. Later the Colonel told us some very complimentary things about ourselves, which we should blush to publish, being of modest dispositions, lest the other Battalions should turn a deep shade of green. He also reminded us of how much we owed to Colonel and Mrs. Anderson and of their great interest in all pertaining to our welfare, for which we are all extremely grateful. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Anderson for presenting the prizes was moved by Colonel Pinkney, who told us something of the T.A. Associations' work. The proceedings terminated with hearty cheering all round, and the dance was carried to a successful conclusion. Appended is a list of the prize winners:—

1. *Recruits Cup.*—Won by Fus. R. Wilson, "D" Company.
2. *Old Soldiers Cup.*—Won by Captain T. A. Carlile, "A" Company.
3. *Serjeants' South African Cup.*—Won by Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. Wing.
4. *Rapid Firing Cup.*—Won by C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, "D" Company.
5. *Long Distance Cup.*—Won by Lieut. A. C. Spencer, "C" Company.
6. *Battalion Shell.*—Won by Lieut. A. C. Spencer, "C" Company.
7. *Officers' Cup.*—Won by Lieut. A. C. Spencer, "C" Company.
8. *Reids Sectional Challenge Cup.*—Won by H.Q. Wing Team (Capt. W. H. Leete's Team).
9. *Field Firing Cup.*—Won by H.Q. Wing No. 1 Team (Capt. W. H. Leete's Team).
10. *Colonel McDonald Cup.*—Awarded to the Company carrying out the best training prior to Annual Camp, and won by "A" Company (Capt. T. A. Carlile's Company).
11. *Diamond Jubilee Shield.*—Awarded to the most efficient Company during Annual Training in Camp, and won by "D" Company (Capt. G. M. I. Stanley's Company).

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12. *Captain Leete's Cup.*—Awarded to the most efficient Platoon in the Battalion during Annual Training in Camp and won by No. 13 Platoon "D" Company (Sjt. J. H. Cross's Platoon).
13. *Grahamsley Cup.*—Awarded to the Company with the highest Tactical Efficiency, and won by "A" Company (Capt. T. A. Carlile's Company).
14. *Football Challenge Cup.*—Awarded to the winners of the Battalion Inter-Company Football Competitions during Annual Training in Camp, and won by "A" Company (Capt. T. A. Carlile's Company).
15. *"A" Company Cup.*—Limited to the members of "A" Company and awarded at the discretion of the Company Commander to the best all-round Platoon in the Company, and won by No. 1 Platoon (Sjt. J. Robson's Platoon).

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As recorded by the 6th Battalion scribe last month, His Majesty The King has been pleased to confer the honour of Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland upon our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., an appointment which is well merited. We take this opportunity of congratulating Col. Anderson on his appointment, and according him our best wishes and hopes for many years enjoyment of his new dignity.

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Lieut. D. E. Rowe attended the promotion Examination in Subject (a) at York last month and successfully survived the ordeal.

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"B" and "C" Companies have already fired their Annual Musketry Course. The weather was not of the best, but the Company Commanders expressed great satisfaction with the shooting, which was slightly better than last year.

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The R.A.M.C. have been lending us a helping hand, the following at present attending a Sanitary Course at Hutton Terrace:—No. 4262886 Cpl. W. Team, No. 4264040 Fus. G. Carlson, No. 4264468 Fus. S. Lowes. A Water Course Duty, attended by No. 4264408 Dmr. M. Chapman, No. 4266271 Lce.-Cpl. C. Ritchie, No. 4264465 Fus. R. Spraggon, is also in progress.

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The Depôt have also been trying to increase our efficiency, and more so intelligence, by an Intelligence Course held from the 15th to 20th April, attended by No. 4258731 Lce.-Cpl. J. Cook, "A" Company; No. 4264138 Lce.-Cpl. J. Lee, "B" Company; No. 4262834 Fus. W. Brownlee, "C" Company; and No. 1049976 Lce.-Cpl. D. Gibson, "D" Company.

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The Battalion was represented at the Fusiliers' Aid Ball, held on the 18th, by the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, Captains Leete and Stanley, all having (so far as coherent accounts go), spent a very jolly evening.

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On Friday, the 19th, the Serjeants held their Annual St. George's Ball at Walker. The Commanding Officer and a large number of Officers and guests were present. Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D., never fails to put in an appearance at this particular function, and this year he once again turned up as bright as ever. The attendance was something like 500 all together, and we all buzzed each other off and threaded our way through the "Lancers" with increasing gaiety as the evening wore on. The Serjeants are to be congratulated on their very fine show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, the 21st, our Annual St. George's Church Parade was held at Walker Parish Church. As in former years we marched to the foot of Welbeck Road, and there combined forces with the Wallsend Detachment. Headed by the Band and Drums, the parade, under Major B. Peatfield, M.C., moved up Welbeck Road and down Church Street, to the Church, where our Chaplain, the Rev. F. Turton Dixon, was awaiting us. We listened to a simple, but thought provoking sermon on the forces of good and evil, preached by our Chaplain, and sang St. George's Hymn in ringing tones. On leaving the Church we then proceeded to the Battalion War Memorial in Walker Park, where, after a short prayer by our padre, Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., placed a wreath at the foot of the Column; and the Buglers sounded the Last Post and the Rouse. So we moved another years' space from former events, but memory still remains green.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
April, 1929.

ON Sunday, the 21st of April, we held our Annual Church Parade, and to the number of 340 we attended Divine Service at the Newcastle Cathedral. This year we were honoured by the presence of the Depôt Detachment under Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench on a joint parade.

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The Battalion marched to our War Memorial in St. Thomas' Church Ground, where wreaths were placed by the Commanding Officer on behalf of the Battalion, by C.S.M. W. Robinson on behalf of the members of the Serjeants' Mess, and by ex-Serjeant Ellison on behalf of our own ex-Service men.

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The Depôt Detachment, accompanied by our Band, marched to the South African War Memorial, where they, in a similar way, placed wreaths, and then the joint parade marched *via* Northumberland Street and Mosley Street to the Cathedral.

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We were most pleased to be accompanied by the Old Comrades' Association, who turned out in large numbers, and had a particularly smart appearance. Our First Cadet Battalion, under Colonel Stephenson, were also present, and we were glad to see them in larger numbers, too, than in previous years. Our Battalion's Old Comrades were also in strong force, and it was a pleasure to see 40 of these in a Battalion Parade under ex-C.S.M. W. Sharp.

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The Vicar of Newcastle, Canon Bateman-Champain, preached the sermon, and our Commanding Officer read the first lesson. On returning from the Cathedral the Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sir J. E. Kynaston-Studd (the Lord Mayor of London), took the Salute at the Town Hall, and subsequently we proceeded to Eldon Square where wreaths were laid on the City Memorial by Colonel Wilkinson on behalf of our Battalion, Major Chenevix-Trench on behalf of the Depôt, and Colonel Stephenson on behalf of the Cadets. The Battalion returned to the Drill Hall, where the usual refreshments were supplied

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On parade the Commanding Officer presented Territorial Efficiency Medals to C.S.M. W. Jordan, M.M., and Serjeant S.

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Shipley, M.M. Fusilier A. Anderson was also due for a similar decoration, but unfortunately was unable to attend. We congratulate heartily these N.C.O.'s and Fusilier, and are pleased to think that so long a record of service with our Battalion has

6TH BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS PASSING LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

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been recognised in this way. We trust they will all have many more years amongst us.

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The Lord Mayor, unfortunately, was unable to be present at our Annual Luncheon Party this year, but it was attended by the Sheriff of Newcastle (Councillor E. A. Allan) and the Lady Sheriff, the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, Canon and Mrs. Bateman-Champain, the Chief Constable (Mr. F. J. Crawley) and, in addition, we were honoured for the first time in our history at this function with the presence of the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. We were especially pleased to see Colonel Herbert on such an occasion, and trust he will carry back a good impression of our Battalion.

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Colonel and Mrs. Athill were also present, as well as Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Gordon, and we were honoured indeed with the presence of two ex-Adjutants, as well as Colonel Rogers and Colonel Temperley, two of our late Commanding Officers.

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At all our gatherings, and at all our parades during the past week, we have been honoured by the loyal attention and appearance of many ex-members of the Battalion of all ranks, as well as by numerous distinguished visitors, many of whom have come considerable distances at much inconvenience to honour our Patron Saint on our Battalion's own hearth. We tender our best thanks for their presence, and trust the inspiration of St. George will bring them to us again in future years.

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Colonel G. R. B. Spain presided at the 5th Annual St. Julien Dinner held in our Drill Hall on Friday, 26th April, and this year there was a larger attendance of duly qualified Officers than ever before. Probably, with three exceptions, all who had survived were present. It was rather disappointing to see smaller numbers of N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers there, but probably hard times and a wet night may have combined to reduce the numbers. The speeches were excellent, and one rather gathers that details of the St. Julien Day are as fresh as ever in the minds of those who were in the battle. One would like to know the name of the hero who left the ranks of the Battalion when formed up in Ypres Square on that great day, and rang the front door bell of the nearest intact house. Those who were privileged to be present certainly owe a great debt of gratitude to Drum-Major Snowdon and Mrs. Snowdon for all their work —to the Committee and Serjeant Ellison special thanks are due, and above all to Mrs. J. L. Lovibond who most kindly sent a barrel of beer.

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On Thursday, 25th April, the Battalion had its Annual Route March through some parts of Newcastle. Our Colours were carried by Mr. Field and Mr. Gardner, and the Escort was provided by C.Q.M.S.'s Burn, Nockels and Harding. There was quite a good parade, all things considered, and certainly the marching was good in spite of steep hills and cobble stones. Recruits are coming in fairly well, but more are wanted.

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On St. George's Day many of us attended the Trooping of the Colours of our 1st Battalion at York, and were much impressed by the ceremony. We feel that some effort should be made next year to enable more of our Battalion to see this most imposing parade, and we hope we shall be allowed to bring a larger contingent.

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Our Annual St. George's Dinner was held at the Drill Hall, and we had as guests the following :—Colonel E. Pinkney, D.S.O., Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., Colonel W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., Colonel E. Temperley, D.S.O. (our late Commanding Officer), Lieut.-Col. J. M. Gordon, M.C. (our late Adjutant), Lieut.-Col. G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. R. Stephenson, C.B.E., D.S.O. ; Capt. Braddell, Mr. R. Stockley and Mr. Collingwood (all from our Depôt) ; Lieut. S. Stevenson, R.N. (Ret.), Lieut. G. R. Sutton, R.N.V.R., Major R. Angus, Capt. R. W. Nicholson, Capt. T. Sopwith, Capt. J. L. Challoner; Capt. C. D. Marley, M.B.E., Capt. O. J. Feetham, M.C. (both of the 5th D.L.I.) ; Mr. W. U. Ritson (3rd Hussars), Mr. H. E.

ST. GEORGE'S PARADE, 1929.

Wilson (late of our Battalion), and Messrs. G. M. Carter, C. P. Carrick, and John Voelcker.

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In the course of the evening Colonel Wilkinson, on behalf of the members of the Officers' Mess, presented to Mr H. E.

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Wilson a silver salver, as a small wedding gift, engraved with the signatures of the donors.

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The members of our Serjeants' Mess gave their Annual Ball at the Grand Assembly Rooms, and, as in former years, were kind enough to invite all the members of the Officers' Mess, and their guests, who had previously dined at the Drill Hall. Their ladies, too, were invited, and, as usual, a most excellent evening was provided. Our thanks are due to the very thoughtful way in which the arrangements were made to suit the Officers and their friends, and above all for the very efficient manner in which the entire programme was carried through.

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The Committee who were responsible for the Ball this year were as follows:—C.S.M. A. Hoggins, *President*, C.S.M. W. Chisholm, C.Q.M.S. S. Burn, Sjt. W. Bulmer, Sjt. S. Shipley, Sjt. D. Bowman, Sjt. J. L. Wood, Sjt. C. Johnston, *Secretary*.

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The popularity of this Dance appears to be increasing, and numerous friends from other Battalions, after their St. George's

ST. GEORGE'S PARADE, 1929.

Dinner, now make a point of appearing to pay their respects to our Warrant Officers and Serjeants.

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On Saturday, 20th April, the Annual St. George's Dance was held in the Drill Hall. All Ranks were invited, and each member of the Battalion was allowed to bring a lady partner. Next year more stringent regulations will be made with regard to uniform, and it may be taken for granted now that no man will be admitted unless properly attired in his uniform. Thanks to the Qr.-Mr. (Mr. W. G. Ouzman) excellent arrangements were made for refreshments to be provided for all who were there and the valuable assistance of the Regimental-Serjeant-Major and Serjeants, including the Ball Committee, did a great deal towards making the Dance the best we have had for many years. Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson were both present, as well as several other Officers of the Battalion.

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On Saturday, 27th April, Mr. H. E. Wilson was married at Alnmouth, Northumberland, to Miss C. M. Lee, and the ceremony was attended by most of the Officers of the Battalion. A fitting departure for bride and bridegroom was made in the only available rickshaw in the village. We understand this conveyance was kindly lent by a local gardener, and the bride and bridegroom were taken in this cart by some of the Subalterns of the Battalion to the first stage of their honeymoon. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wilson all possible good luck, and a happy journey to Nigeria, to which place they both proceed very shortly.

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"A" and "B" Companies had one week-end camp at Blagdon Park—thanks to the kindness of Lord Ridley—and were certainly lucky in having such fine weather. A useful tactical exercise was carried out, and the accommodation provided was exceedingly satisfactory from all points of view. The area, too, for training possessed plenty of features.

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Musketry is periodically carried out at Ponteland, and some of the firing this year has certainly been a long way over the average. This may possibly be due to the old experts in the H.Q. Company who seem to keep in extraordinary good practice.

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The Regimental Club is proceeding exceedingly well, and we hope that all who are qualified for membership will assist by joining. Full details and terms may be had on application, and we would once more like to remind prospective members that the Club is open all day.

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This year the competition against bogey for the Brigade Golf Challenge Cup for Officers of the Brigade has been revived, and the Cup was played for on Sunday, the 28th April, at Alnmouth. The winners proved to be Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., and Capt. G. H. I. Stanley, of the 5th Battalion. The weather was appalling, and the scores far from good. We are glad this very interesting contest has been renewed, and we hope for bigger entries next year.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

25th April, 1929.

IN the Territorial Battalions of the Regiment, St. George's Day lasts for never less than a fortnight, and the closer the liaison between regulars and territorials the longer does St. George's Day last.

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Activities for the 1929 season opened at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, on 17th April, when 30 Officers, past and present, and guests attended the annual Battalion Dinner. Our guests included Major General H. W. Newcombe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., 50th Northumbrian Division; Colonel W. H. Herbert, C.M.G. D.S.O., Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., Colonel E. Robinson, T.D.; Chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Association, and Colonel F. R. S. Athill, C.M.G., the recently appointed Secretary of the County Association. As General Newcombe rode in a point-to-point meeting in the afternoon, in Yorkshire, and then travelled 150 miles to tell us what first-class fellows we are, we feel that our thanks are specially due to him.

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On the following day we were well represented at the Aid Society Ball, in Newcastle. This is now established as the dance of the year in these parts, and all voted this year's effort to be up to last year's very high standard. Colonel Robson and Captains Trenam, Todd, Carr-Ellison and Potts attended from this Battalion,

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Next came, on the following night, the Serjeants' Ball, at the Depôt. But by this time the 7th Battalion entries were beginning to thin out.

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On Sunday, 21st instant, first-class church parades were held at all stations in the Battalion area and were well attended. The St. George's Church Parade at Morpeth and Berwick have long been established as affairs of the first importance and this year we feel we also achieved great things at Alnwick and at Ashington.

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Mr. Lee's band made its first public appearance at Ashington, and besides producing stirring music on the march, rose to the occasion and played in church. The drums were on parade at Alnwick. At both places, war memorials were visited en route, and we feel that this revival of fit and proper ceremonial on St. George's Sunday ought not to lapse.

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Those of us who were privileged to be in the ancient parish church of St. Michael's, at Alnwick, on Sunday, 21st April, 1929, will long remember the inspiring address by Canon Mangin and his kindly and moving references to the history and traditions of the Regiment.

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After a breathing space of 24 hours. Those of us who could do so, journeyed to York to see the Trooping of the Colours. The Permanent Staff went in a body and returned, not only thrilled, as only 5th Fusiliers can be thrilled by a very fine parade, but full of appreciation of the kindness of their 1st Battalion hosts, who appear to have made each individual visitor feel at home in a crowd of hundreds.

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And that safely over we dance at Berwick until 3 to-morrow morning, and pass on to a similar operation to-morrow here at Alnwick. The remains, if any, will carry out musketry at Moor Laws on Saturday, Company training at Beacon Hill on Sunday, and a reconnaissance at Ripon on Monday.

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Our strength to-day is 566, and they are still slowly coming in. It would seem that we have almost shot our bolt, but we shall continue recruiting up to the end of May.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

April, 1929.

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St. George's Day at York, in 1929, will be ranked among the most memorable celebrations of its kind that the FIFTH have known. To begin with, it was the first one for nearly a decade when the home Battalion was not separated from London by a strip of lumpy sea. In the second place, York is get-at-able in a day's journey from anywhere in England and Scotland, unless you live at places like Wick or Bodmin, so that there was a wonderful gathering of past 5th Fusiliers.

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The actual ceremony is faithfully dealt with elsewhere by our Battalion correspondent, but we would like, as a guest and a humble onlooker, to record our appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of our hosts ; of the magnificent drill of those who took part in the trooping ceremony, which, for steadiness and precision, might be equalled, but assuredly could not be bettered at Olympia or on the Horse Guards Parade ; and of the organisation in connection with the arrangement for our comfort and convenience, which left nothing unforgotten, from the parking of our cars on arrival to the parking of our bodies at lunch.

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Another quite unrehearsed feature of the occasion was the re-union of some 14 past officers of the Regiment, at the Station Hotel, on the night of the 22nd. Six of these were accompanied by their wives, and two brought each a couple of schoolboy sons. Eight of them had commanded battalions in the Regiment. They arrived by ones, by twos, by threes, and each new arrival was greeted warmly by those already there. Needless to say, the flow of conversation never flagged, and was carried on to a late hour that night in spite of the long motor drives most of the veterans had endured that day. Nearly all of them stayed on till the morning of the 25th, when they all agreed, on parting, that never had they known so wonderful a St. George's Day.

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Though the parade was as we have said all that could be desired in the way of drill, we did long for the scarlet tunics and busbies again. The absence of the Drum-Major's St. George's Day plume, created a void in our veteran breasts, which we can but hope may be filled by its re-appearance, someday !

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The following kindly sent us greetings on St. George's Day :—1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, Sjts.' 1st Battalion, Depôt, 5th Battalion, 7th Battalion.

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By the way, will anyone who wants a copy of the photograph of the group of Officers Past and Present, published in this number, apply to E. W. Gosman, 18, Prospect Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who is the holder of the copyright.

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Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

Byron P.O.,
London, Ontario,
Canada.
29th March, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

Might I be permitted to express my appreciation of "A Trip through the Khyber, to Frontier Post," in the January number. To me these scenes create in me my ambition to visit these scenes once again. It is now fifty years ago since we (1st Batt. 5th Northumberland Fusiliers) passed over this ground. I recognise the old battleship (Jumrood Fort), we encamped here four times, during the two campaigns of 1878-79 and 1879-80.

We marched from Hurree Singh Ka borj to Jumrood; the ground around this fort was covered with innumerable stones of various sizes, which had to be cleared before we could pitch our tents in comfort; from among these stones out would slide hundreds of small black snakes, from 8 to 18 inches in length, and all around us were dozens of camels lying around dead; which were being dragged away by elephants from the camp. The stench from these dead animals was horrible, we used to call it (the odour) Cameline. According to the diary I kept, we were here the first time for about a month. The object was to form a brigade, ready for our forward march towards Cabul.

The second picture I recongise (but without the bridge), *i.e.*, showing the double road in the Khyber Pass: Ali Musjid, with its fort on the hill to the left. It was here that we camped, and started a night march to the Bazar Valley. This was the first expedition in this campaign we were engaged in. It was one that was long remembered by many of us. In it I give an account of the "Stampede of the Mules." A force of about 850 men were sent out on an expedition to the Bazar Valley. The force was composed as follows: (The Bazar Valley is a place in the hills to the left of the Khyber Pass). Three guns on elephants, D.A. Royal Horse Artillery, 360 men of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers, 400 men of the Mhairwarre Battalion and 50 sabres of the 13th Bengal Lancers (not a very large force for a single night's march in an enemy's country). The force was commanded by Brig.-Gen. Doran, C.B., who was accompanied by General Sir F. F. Maude, V.C.

We marched by the Machison road to Shaghai heights. Here we left the elephants and the three guns of D.A., being joined in their stead by a mountain battery. We halted within half a mile of Ali Musfid, near the stream, as the force was going no further till darkness set in. At about 6 p.m. the column fell in again, after going a short distance along the stream, we were ordered to cross, having to wade over our knees. On reaching the other side of the stream, we commenced our ascent up the hills, and marched throughout the night through an unknown country (for our guides seemed to have lost their way). The path being very narrow, and the night extremely dark, we were compelled to march in single file, and each man keeping very close to the one in front of him, for fear of losing his road, as we could hardly see a hand before us. In this manner we proceeded across the tops of the mountains, but not without an adventure, for we (the band was in charge of the reserve ammunition, and formed the tail end of the column), were walking leisurely along the Kutcha path, when suddenly the Chesties (watercarriers) mules, rushed into our ammunition mules, which created great havoc; for we thought, at the time being, it was the enemy making a rush on us. Myself and my comrade, Paddy O'B—found ourselves lying beside some bushes, where we had been thrown during the rush. However, the excitement was soon over, and we had a good laugh over this scare, although, I must admit that during the rush I felt rather uncomfortable, so much so, that I had drawn my sword. However, all's well that ends well, for had this been the Afghans charging us, they would not have made us prisoners, but would have cut us into mincemeat. Mules are all right at times, but when one of them get an obstinate fit, not all the men of an army corps would be able to right that mule.

The next scene: Lundi Kotal, I also recognise, the large fort lying at the foot of the mountains; the picture now shows a fine cantonment. The other views are of a more modern date, but the cantour of the country is the same; and the Khyberees are the same brave, blood-thirsty race of the old days, who will recognise no master. And yet Afghanistan acts as a magnet to many of us. All honour to the Political Officers of the N.W. Frontier. Very few outside the military recognise the ability, patience, endurance and bravery of these Officers. But enough, Mr. Editor; trusting I have not taken up too much of your valuable space,

I am,
Yours faithfully,
WALTER SMITH
(late 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers.)

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

22nd March, 1929.

A General Meeting and Smoking Concert was held in St. George's Drill Hall, on Wednesday, 27th March. A General Meeting was also held on Wednesday, 17th April. Both meetings were well attended.

Some fifty Members of the Association paraded at the Depôt on St. George's Sunday (April 21st). An account of the parade will be found under the Depôt notes for this month.

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It is hoped that quite a number of members will be able to visit the 1st Battalion at York to-morrow (St. George's Day). A report on the visit will be given in next months notes.

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The Association's Dinner will be held in the County Hotel, on Saturday, 27th April, of which more next month.

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The Balance Credit of the Association's Fund is at present £47 16s. 10d. (Cash at Bank).

Sunderland (Sub-Branch).

Perhaps the chief item of news this month is the formation of a Sub-Branch at Sunderland. The Association numbers amongst its members a large contingent from Sunderland and District. Owing to the difficulties experienced by these members in attending meetings and functions here in Newcastle, it has been decided to form a Sub-Branch at Sunderland. A meeting was held in the George and Dragon Hotel, on 17th April, extracts from the minutes of this meeting are appended.

(1) Decided that a Sub-Branch of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne O.C.A. be formed at Sunderland.

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(2) The following Officials were elected :—

Chairman: Mr. J. Fulton.

Executive Committee: Mr. T. Eltringham, Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. J. Laing, Mr. G. Sterling, Mr. S. McDonald, Mr. G. Cooper, Mr. R. M. Miller, Mr. J. Atkinson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. T. Eltringham, 78, Chester Road, Sunderland.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. V. Bowen, 23, Wilfred Street, Pallion.

(3) Rules for the Sunderland Sub-Branch to be the same as those for Headquarters, Newcastle.

(4) Upon receipt of members subscriptions from Sunderland, Badges, Membership Cards, etc., will be supplied from Headquarters.

(5) The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will act on behalf of the Association as defined in the rules, except that all monies will be paid to the Hon. Treasurer at Headquarters, and any proposed expenditure will be referred to Headquarters for sanction.

(6) It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Sub-Branch should keep in touch with Headquarters at the Regimental Depôt, and that as far as possible meetings and functions arranged by the Sub-Branch, should not clash with those arranged by Headquarters and *vice versa*.

(7) The Executive Committee will meet in the George and Dragon Hotel at 7 p.m. on 15th May, and a meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m.

Some Notes on Vocational Training.

By Lieut.-Col. F. K. Hardy, D.S.O.

THE pamphlet issued with A.C.I. 219 of 1928 gives full particulars of the facilities which exist for soldiers to undergo Vocational Courses in subjects other than those taught at an Army Vocational Training Centre. The advantages to be gained by these " Outside Courses " does not seem, as yet, to be fully realized by serving soldiers, so a few notes drawn from a year's experience of the scheme, may not come amiss.

The Scheme for Outside Courses in this :—

A soldier can apply through the usual channels for vocational training in any subject he likes. His application, in due course, reaches me, as Commandant of A.V.T.C., Hounslow. I, in turn, approach Civilian schools or bodies, who may be prepared to accept the applicant as a pupil. If they agree, and I am satisfied that the instruction will be suitable, the Course is arranged. The soldier, of course, has to pay the whole fee demanded by the Civilian School and also his travelling expenses between Hounslow and the School. He does not, however, have to pay the fee of 7s. 6d. per week, which soldiers doing a Course at an Army Centre have to pay.

Before putting in for one of these courses a soldier must be sure of several points. He must have enquired into the possibility of obtaining employment in the line he takes up. Unless he has some definite aim in view, success is unlikely. Previous knowledge of the subject is in most cases essential, as the soldier will be trying to do in six months something the civilian beginner would take a year or more to do. He must be prepared to work twelve hours a day, if necessary, when learning, and to put down a good round sum in fees for his training. These fees vary from £1 or so to £25.

The soldier must, in fact, know exactly what he wants, why he wants it, and should prepare himself for the course by previous study and by saving money for his fees and other incidental expenses.

In submitting an application the soldier has to add a letter in his own handwriting, explaining his reasons for requiring the training, and giving details of any experience he may have had. The name of a suitable school or place of instruction, should be given if known. The fuller detail given in this letter the better chance there is of arranging a course. Civilian schools have to be asked if they will accept the applicant as a pupil, and those of the better kind will not do so unless they think he will prove successful. It is a great help if the name of a suitable school can be mentioned, and there is no reason why a soldier should not make tentative enquires himself. In fact, if the training is required at a business house or firm, it is better that this should be done. It should be remembered that these courses can only take place in the London area.

Applications for training in a remarkably wide range of trades and callings have been received, and it has been possible to arrange training in over 15 different subjects, as widely different as ladies hairdressing and monumental masonry.

The largest number of applicants have been for book-keeping. This is a subject I would not advise anyone to take unless they have a definite end in view. The labour market is full of girls who can do the work and will do it for 25s. a week. The next most popular has been " Knowledge of London." This is training in order to pass for a Scotland Yard Licence as a Taxi-driver. The test is extremely hard, even for a Londoner, for he has to know the streets, clubs, theatres and principle buildings like a book, and a man has to be quick witted and put in long hours of work in order to pass in six months. It can, however, be done, and employment is a certainty. I am told, on good authority, that an enterprising taxi-driver in London can earn £5 per week.

Salesmanship is a subject for which there has been a considerable demand, but at present there is no suitable whole-time school. Quite a number of soldiers, who were unable to get vacancies at this Centre in the Motor Mechanics Class, have attended for an outside course in motor driving at a well-known Civilian school.

Pastry Cooks and Bakers have been accepted at the L.C.C. School of Bakery, and a Printer at the London School of Printing. Previous employment at the trade is, however, an assential at these two particular schools, and at some others.

Wireless Operating has been taken by several, but without considerable previous knowledge ; six months is too short a time in which to get the Postmaster General's Certificate.

There is an excellent school for Ladies Hairdressing available, but the fees, £25, are prohibitive in most cases.

Ticket writing is a subject which has been taken in only one case, and is seemly, one which soldiers, who can do a bit of drawing or sketching, might make enquiries about. There may be good chances of employment.

Success, where it has come, and it has come in many cases, has been due entirely to the ability and energy of the soldier himself. Similarly those who have failed have done so through their own lack of ability and determination.

In conclusion these Outside Courses are an undoubted boon to soldiers who have taken the trouble to investigate the possibilities of obtaining employment after a course, and who prepare themselves beforehand to take full advantage of the teaching they will receive.

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DEATH.

PENRICE.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 19th May, 1929, P. L. Penrice, late Colour-Serjeant, 5th Fusiliers, aged 68 years.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Capt. W. Watson, M.C. (dated 14th May).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Lieut.-Col. T. J. Carlile having attained the age limit relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 11th May).

7th Bn.—Capt. W. R. Buchanan-Riddell having attained the age limit relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 11th May).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
May, 1929.

IF only a dictaphone could be installed in the Orderly Room from about 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. daily just at present, for about a week, and its records could be circulated to subscribers to this magazine, it would be possible to provide them (the subscribers) with a really accurate picture of what is boiling up for us this summer, in addition to portraying the incidents and accidents of our daily round and common task. For the Orderly Room at presents acts as a sort of clearing house, in which foregather daily a varied assembly of officers, each temporarily obsessed with the fulfilment of some or other task which has been allotted to him, and each equally apprehensive lest, in the whirl of events which await us in the coming months, he may be done down by the other for the personnel or material necessary to him for the completion of his particular job. And the amazing part of it all is, that though they one and all approach the "cleaning house" with looks akin to desperation, the holders of the fort continue daily to send them away, each one with at least a modicum of hope that the situation is not quite so desperate or impossible after all.

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Since, however, dictaphone records are not possible, and it is the task of the writer to give some account of our doings in this month of May, 1929, an attempt will be made to convey, or should we say to "paint," as accurate a "picture" as possible through the more prosaic method of printed narrative—which leads one, by the way, to wonder who was the originator of that tiresome expression "painting the picture," and how long it will be before the expression becomes utterly taboo, causing inspecting officers and umpires, instead of licking their lips over it, to foam at the mouth at the very idea. For there is no doubt that these military expressions, like dogs, have their day. We have only to call to mind such atrocities as the improper use of the word "support" for the more modern "reserve," the revolution of ideas brought about in our military system by the substitution, throughout a volume of Small Arms Training, of "case" for "holster," and the latest upheaval of thought on the onward march of Progress, caused by the alteration in nomenclature of a machine gun tactical unit from "section" to "platoon." True, the unit, as a unit, remains the same, but nobody can deny that to name a unit containing four machine guns a section was silly, almost mediæval, in conception, but now that the same unit has been rechristened a platoon, we may flatter ourselves that the Army is keeping abreast of the times, and that the new appellation marks a definite step in the modernisation of the forces.

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Shall we then, in 1931, look back with horror at the prehistoric line of thought of 1929 which induced us to talk of anything so rudimentary as "painting the picture?" It seems that we should, at least, be wary of this picture-painting business. The picture painting season is almost upon us, and if indeed, as umpires, we must paint, or as mere troops must endure being approached by an umpire with his "Let me paint you a picture," let us view it soberly and with due caution, bearing in mind that by this time next year, we may well have to re-adjust our minds to some form of training in which picture painting, or anything akin to it may be anathema to one and all.

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Since, however, picture painting is still a legitimate military pastime, let us return to our picture of the Orderly Room, from which we have so widely digressed.

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We will assume that the 9.30 levée (no invitations valid unless clearly marked A.F.B.252 and signed by the Company Commander making the introduction) is over. There is a slight lull whilst the C.O. signs innumerable documents produced by the Quartermaster. The Orderly Room is festooned with samples of lanterns to be tried for use at the forthcoming Tattoo. Overshadowing all is an enormous sort of Adjutant's fixture list on a wall, with every date, from 23rd April to 15th September, filled up with items such as "W" and "X" to Strensall," "musketry begins," "Tattoo all week," "march to Ripon," "return from Ripon," "march to Catterick," etc., etc.

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The Adjutant sits at his table guarding his pencils. He wears an expression which seems to say: "Lord—what—a—crowd — I — wonder — if — they — think — I — have — anything — else — to — do — but — answer — questions — and — when — do — they — think — I — am — going — to — start — my — own — work? The P.R.I. is there. The President of the Regimental sub-committee for the Tattoo is there. He holds in his hand a piece of paper. On it are written many questions. His look is dogged. He exchanges glances with the Adjutant as much as to say: "Yes — I — have — a — lot — of — questions — to — ask — and — you — are — paid — five-bob — a — day — to — answer — them — so — put — that — in — in — your — pipe — and — smoke — it." There are also one or two Company Commanders present, some with business to do, others just waiting to see what is going on. The Games President also attends, looking a little apologetic and apparently somewhat apprehensive lest his feeble chatter about anything so trifling as an Athletics Team will be drowned by the booming of the big guns of the Tattoo and Battalion training.

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The Adjutant, faced with this formidable array, decides that the best method of defence is attack, so he whispers to a Company Commander that the guard from his particular company was not just as good as it might have been that morning. The Company Commander, delighted for once to have a leg to stand on, says in a loud voice: "There's no blanco in the Naffy." This starts the ball rolling, and there is a chorus of Company Commanders: "No! No blanco in the Naffy!"

C.O. enquiringly to P.R.I.: "No blanco in the Naffy?"

Company Commanders: "No Sir, no blanco in the Naffy."

The chorus subsides and the P.R.I. explains that blanco has been on order literally for months, and now it is up to the Naffy. This really concludes his business for the morning, but he just stays on in case anything crops up.

The Adjutant's offensive has met with a temporary check, and the remainder seize the opportunity for a counter-blow.

President Tattoo Committee (determined to be first): "About this Tattoo . . ."

The Adjutant brightens visibly.

Pres. T.C. (continues): "About this Tattoo, I find I want 400 officers and fifteen men—I mean fifteen men and 400 officers—that is to say fifteen officers and 400 men, every day from now on until the middle of July. That will give me six

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weeks of rehearsals, and two weeks of that is in our spare time daily after Battalion training. According to a Serjeant-Major of the P.T. Staff, I ought to have at least ten weeks of rehearsals . . . so what about it ? "

Adjutant : " You can't have them every day until the middle of July because we have to fire our musketry course in June. And, anyway, fifteen officers are out of the question. A, B, C, D, E, F are at the 149th Brigade Camp in the second half of June, G, and H are on courses and J is Garrison Adjutant.

Games President (unheard by anyone) : " And I want K.L.M. and N for the Army Sports which coincide with the Tat . . . (he gives it up).

Pres. T.C. (without taking breath) : " And if we are going to Doncaster I want a Camp Commandant, who *must* be a Captain." (All the Captains present look at each other a little uneasily, and do a bit of rapid thinking about what can possibly prevent them from going to Doncaster).

Pres. T.C. (maintaining the objective) " Because I shall have 2,000 troops there. That means 6,000 blankets on charge, and I always did hate blankets. Once I had to pay for 40, and C.Y. told me that any officer might be stung for blankets once in his service, but if he was caught out a second time he was a . . ."

Games Pres. (knowing that everyone has heard of the episode, but still unheeded) : " The Army Sports begin on 11th July and I want . . ." (but he gives up again).

Pres. T. C. " Anyway, I think I have my leaders for the P.T. Show." (To Adjutant) : " Can you just tell me if all these are all right ? Lce.-Sjt. A, Cpls. B and C, Lce.-Cpls. D, E, F, etc.

Games Pres. (now groaning badly) : " The only time we have for training for Army Sports is when they are rehearsing for the Tattoo, and *all* those N.C.O.'s are members of the Battalion team."

(i) *Pres. T.C.* (both addressing Games President) : (i) " Well I *must* have them. (ii) " *You* can't have them. Every available N.C.O. is wanted for the Tattoo. They must do Tattoo first and Sports after."

Adjutant : " What date are the Army Sports, anyway ? "

Games Pres. " 11th, 12th and 13th July."

Pres. T.C. (quickly) : " Just the very dates of rehearsals for the Tattoo ! "

Games Pres. : " That's what I have been wanting to say for a long time."

This takes a little while to settle, but ends in a truly British compromise, whereby the President, Tattoo Committee, hopes to get them for instructional purposes, releasing them just in time to dash to Aldershot for the Sports, whilst the Games President hopes he doesn't get them too much. Both register mental reservations as to who is really going to have their services.

The solution of problems proceeds.

Capt. " X " (recently returned from the Staff at Hythe, and so very suitably given a measure of responsibility for co-ordinating Battalion musketry) : " If A, B, C, D, E and F are at T.A. Camp in second half of June, G and H are on courses, and everyone else is being taken at any moment for the Tattoo, it seems that we shall have no officers left to look after the firing of the musketry course." In this case, Capt. " X " is deemed to be straining at the gnat. The solution is comparatively simple. Capt. " X " and one officer will do duty on the firing point daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for a fortnight, and two other officers will do ditto in the butts. The remaining officers will fire as casuals. Capt. " X " is left reflecting that his rejoicings at being removed from the Tattoo Committee were a little premature.

Games Pres. (chipping in again) : " About inter-Company Sports. ' W ' and ' Y ' come back from Strensall on Friday, 24th. We want to get them done before we go to Ripon because Command Sports are on 26th and 27th June. I suggest they begin on Saturday, 25th."

Two Capts. (a) (golfer) : " Can't be done. Northern Command Golf Meeting all day on 24th." (b) (cricketer) : " And there's a cricket match in the afternoon."

Games Pres. : " Well then, Monday and Tuesday, 27th and 28th."

Adjutant : " York Races on Tuesday."

Another Capt. : " My first string, in about six events, goes to Olympia on Sunday. We must have something on Saturday. . . ."

Etc., etc., etc.

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The above " picture "—loathsome word—is founded entirely on fact, and is only " painted "—revolting expression—as an attempt to show that we are in for a fairly breakneck summer. Proceedings, such as the above, however, are perhaps a little more dignified than they have been depicted, and, as we have said before, no one really leaves the Orderly Room in the deepest despond. In fact, if the truth be told, there is hardly one amongst us who does not, in his heart of hearts, believe that we shall produce a first-rate show at the Tattoo, or that we shall sweep the board at the Army Sports, or that we shall have anything less than a Battalion of marksmen this year. Indeed, the only anxiety of many of us is as to whether our horses will have time to realise what grass tastes like before next hunting season is upon us. We have no real worries. But it is just as well to place on record our somewhat mixed anticipations so that the next generation, if they happen to study the May notes of the bound volume for 1929, may blow their chests out and say to themselves : " Well if that is what the 1st Battalion used to call a breakneck summer, all we can say is that they didn't know when they were having a d——d good loaf."

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Meanwhile, strange to say, all Companies have completed their Company training, " X " and " Z " (M.G.) Companies returned after rather a chilly fortnight at Strensall and were relieved by " W " and " Y " who have been more fortunate in the matter of weather. Leicester Ridge, Whinney Hill and Kidney Pond (or is it Liver Lake ?) have taken the place in our annual training cycle so long and faithfully occupied by Ballyplunt, Craig Hill and Green Hill, and have duly been flogged to death . . . until next year. The next move is to Ripon for a fortnight's Battalion training. We move there by march route in two stages. From there we move straight to Strensall for musketry and Tattoo rehearsals, then back to York for the Tattoo. Rumour has it that the Adjutant, having consulted his fixture list, has already staked his claim for leave in the only possible week in August, and won't tell anyone else which week it is.

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Before leaving the subject of collective training, let us bear in mind that in the forthcoming periods of it, a lively and sound imagination is an asset to be cultivated by one and all, and that whether we receive orders or have pictures painted for us, their interpretation will be made considerably easier by the judicious exercise of a little imagination.

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The purpose of giving vent to the above rather obvious platitudes is not to suggest that there is any subordinate Commander in the Battalion whose orders require so much interpretation that any action upon them must be the result, 10 % of orders and 90 % of imagination. Far from it. The thought never entered our head, except for a moment, and then we promptly dismissed it as unworthy cynicism. No, the real object was to prevent the recurrence of any episode similar to one which recently took place during the training of two Companies at Strensall, when a grain of imagination was sadly lacking. Just to show how a whole day's battle may be marred by lack of imagination on the part of one or two individuals, we must say that the story which follows is fact, and no flight of fancy on the part of the writer.

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The rival forces consisted, on one side, of a Company with some machine guns, who were carrying out a rear-guard action; and the other, of the remainder of the machine gun Company and a skeleton Infantry force represented by men carrying flags. All went well at the outset; the two forces marched together to the battle-ground. Here, to the peaceful accompaniment of the baa-ing of sheep, and of lambs calling to their mother, it was duly explained that Strensall Common was in a state of bloody conflict. The drowsy little farm just yonder, where the hens were busy scratching in the straw, and the lordly rooster could plainly be heard proclaiming that he had just found a pink, juicy worm which he would be pleased to present to any lady of his harem, was in reality a welter of blood, dust and an odd cucumber or two, having been shelled to destruction. The shady little copse, 500 yards to the right front, which Fus. McSnail was already eyeing as a likely place for a mid-battle siesta, was infested with mustard gas, and not to be entered at any price. The stop butts in the distance were not stop butts at all, but a railway embankment. One yellow flag represented an enemy platoon, and so on.

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So far so good. This was child's play. The most elementary imagination could take it in as a matter of course. In fact, it was just like water off a duck's back—in at one ear and out at the other. Next follows a brief lull, whilst the opposing forces array themselves for battle. The machine guns and skeleton enemy disappear round a bend in the road. In actual fact they sit down under the hedges and smoke cigarettes for half-an-hour or so whilst their enemies make ready for them, but in our vivid imaginations they had lost touch last night and might or might not appear round the corner at any minute.

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For the nonce all is quiet on Strensall Common. In fact, if you look round within a radius of 600 yards or so you can hardly imagine that there are more than four rifle sections and four Lewis gun sections, *plus* a few machine guns within say a mile. (As a matter of fact, you can't see more anyway, because the rest are further back in the woods. These few sections are, however, plainly visible on a false crest some 600 yards away. But do not let us spoil the story). As we were saying, the troops are so thoroughly versed in the use of ground and cover, that they can hardly be seen at all. There is another slight lull (really because the enemy is not quite sure if it is time to start, but in our lively imaginations, because they are still busy gaining touch since last night. Little do they realise the hidden danger that awaits them when they do gain touch).

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Aha! What is this at last? Two yellow flags emerge from the woods, luckily, and of course by the purest fluke, just where we expected them. The enemy machine guns open up with a rat-tat-tat! Ours reply with a tat-tat-rat!

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It is a rear guard action so we open fire at long range. Lewis gun section Commanders, again giving full play to their imagination by devising fire orders which do not include the words: "at that flag . . . five bursts . . . fire! They think of all kinds of "indications," but it doesn't really matter because all the troops aim at the flags anyway. The battle develops rapidly. Soon it is raging along the whole front of 400 yards or so. All the same, the behaviour of the flags begins to appear a little remarkable, to say the least. The invisible sections on the false crest are frankly puzzled. Despite the intensity of their fire, the flags caper and gambol in the most disrespectful manner. Still they come on and on, leaping, running and leaping again regardless of the hail of bullets, till all and sundry are inclined to give up the uncanny battle. The more thoughtful Section Commanders rack their brains in an effort to try and recall any manœuvre in their recent training in which a platoon, or platoons, would be called upon to perform such antics, but they are defeated.

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And now the flags, behaving for once like any normal, well-trained platoons, disappear completely behind a fold in the ground, and there is a slight pause.

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"What next?" we ask . . . and well we may, for a few moments later, in complete disregard of all that the text-books say regarding platoon frontages, they appear *together* at the same spot.

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If they were a little crazy before, they are now staring mad, and they look for all the world like two gigantic yellow butterflies sporting in the sun, leaping, fluttering, touching and separating again, whilst their friendly machine guns keep up a despairing rat-tat, and a range-taker is plainly visible 900 yards away taking ranges as if nothing whatever were happening. The flags continue their antics, and so the battle goes on until matters reach such a crisis that the retiring Company Commander feels, that, in the temporary absence of an umpire, he is reluctantly obliged to mount his charger and ride forward and investigate. Fortunately, as he is mounting, the sagacious animal treads on his foot, and then trots off into the blue without him, so averting a nasty situation.

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The groom is left to pursue, whilst the Company Commander forgets his crushed foot—because he is so thrilled by the battle.

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Meanwhile, both flags have subsided into a ditch and are seen no more. The battle wanes, so we may cut a long story short and explain the causes of this amazing affray. It appeared, at the subsequent discussion, that the Officer Commanding the Skeleton Enemy had ordered the two Fusiliers bearing the flags, to "advance by bounds" to a certain spot, and then to "leap frog." The amazing series of leaps and bounds in the earlier stages of the battle was the result of the order to advance by bounds being interpreted all too literally by the two troops bearing the flags. They were told to bound and they did—just like a pair of Morris dancers. The point where they appeared together was the point at which they had been ordered to "leap frog." Again, they had been told to leap

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frog, and they did, across about 200 yards of broken heath. Their final disappearance was due to sheer exhaustion.

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There appear to be several morals to this 90 % time episode.

(i) Beware, as we said earlier, of the too liberal use of military catch words such as bounding, leap-frogging, picture-painting and the like.

(ii) In issuing orders which demand a certain amount of imagination on the part of the troops, be sure that your own imagination is equal to visualising *your* picture as it presents itself to the imagination of those to whom the orders are issued.

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There must be lots more morals, but what they are we can't quite make out.

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And now these notes must close, but not before we record :—

(i) That Mr. Enderby has bought a horse guaranteed to win next year's Point-to-Point (provided that about half-a-dozen others are sick or fall).

(ii) Our hearty congratulations to Capt. Martin, R.A., who lives with us, on his victory in the Army Golf.

Some Improbable Remarks.

£50 REWARD

is offered to anyone who can prove to the 1st Battalion Sub-Editor that he has ever heard any other than the following remarks passed, at any rate before 24th May, 1929 :—

The Adjutant : " Certainly, I will have 100 copies typed and run off for you by lunch time—anything to keep my clerks employed."

Any Quartermaster : " What is it you want—more coal ? Of course, my boy! Take as much as you want. I am at my wit's end to get rid of the stuff."

Any C.Q.M.S. : " A casual payment ? No trouble at all, I assure you. Just step around any time you like, and we shall be delighted to accommodate you."

President, Tattoo Committee : " No, thank you, I have all the Officers I require. As a matter of fact I don't like too many, and am only too glad to have something to do to while away my spare time."

Any Captain : " Hooray ! I see I am P.M.C. next quarter!"

Any Horse Coper : " My guilty conscience tells me that I did not give Robinson enough for that horse. I think I'll send him another tenner."

Any Company Commander : " I have no use for that charger of mine : he is not sufficiently high-spirited for my liking."

Any Motorist after an accident : " It was entirely my fault, and the other man was free from all blame."

Cricket.

We played our first match of the season on 17th May, at York, and made quite an auspicious beginning.

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York Ramblers won the toss, and batted first on a soft wicket. The weather was dull, and a strong breeze blew straight down the pitch, but it was not too cold, considering the time of the year.

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York Ramblers batted stolidly, and made a sporting declaration at the tea interval, leaving us an hour and three-quarters to score 133 runs. Fus. Hughes looked the most dangerous bowler of the six tried : he mixed them up well, and was always trying to get men out. He should do well, if he remembers that length, and not speed, is the foundation of all bowling.

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The FIFTH made the start that we have learned to observe without comment. A first wicket pair we must find somehow.

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Capt. Sutherland had the misfortune to damage his knee, just as he appeared to be getting set, and although by the courtesy of our opponents he was allowed to continue his innings later, the handicap was too much for him, and he was soon out. It remained for Cpl. Pennock and Sjt. Pyle to put us in a winning position. Cpl. Pennock played a very sound innings. He has two obvious faults. First and worst, nibbling at balls outside the off stump ; and secondly getting excited by the slow bowlers. Both these mistakes will cost him his wicket every time.

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Sjt. Pyle started very shakily ; but later hit with confidence, and made some very good shots. He is always liable to get runs, as he has an eye like a hawk and hits the ball hard.

YORK RAMBLERS.

E. Leagard, c Sutherland, b Laing	43
S. Cooper, c Pennock, b Laing	1
A. R. Birch, c Pyle, b Purcell	4
H. Mault, lbw, b Laing	0
J. Freer, b Pennock	17
J. Triffit, b Hughes	29
S. Spencer, b Hughes	2
F. Walsh, not out	28
R. Dennington, S. Robinson, Y. Cowing	did not bat
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wickets)	132

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, c and b Cowing	0
Cpl. Pennock, lbw, b Mault	32
Capt. Sutherland, c Bennington, b Birch	21
Capt. Buckley, c and b Birch	12
Sjt. Pyle, hit wkt., b Mault	36
Capt. Powell, b Mault	14
Fus. Hughes, lbw, b Mault	0
C.S.M. Purcell, not out	6
Lce.-Cpl. Attree, b Mault	0
Sjt. Obey, c Leagard, b Walsh	6
Cpl. Waterhouse, st Freer, b Mault	3
Extras	7
Total	137

ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Laing	13	2	33	3
Purcell	8	1	25	1
Pennock	5	0	27	1
Hughes	9	0	21	2
Obey	3	0	9	0
Attree	2	0	9	0

YORK RAMBLERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cowing	5	0	24	1
Mault	14.2	4	39	6
Birch	7	0	32	2
Triffit	3	0	13	0
Dennington	3	1	9	0
Walsh	3	1	11	1

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Serjeants' Mess.

York,

May, 1929

During the month a billiard match was arranged between the Mess and the Conservative Club. The result was as follows :—

5TH FUSILIERS.		CONSERVATIVE CLUB.	
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	100	Mr. Watson	50
C.S.M. Clarke	100	Mr. Snowden	75
D/Mjr. Hebbron ..	62	Mr. Abbott	100
Sjt. Babington	100	Mr. Crump	61
Sjt. Obey	72	Mr. Fenny	100
Sjt. Swain	58	Mr. Johnstone ..	100
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Nothing of particular interest has occurred at Headquarters, so that news, of necessity, is very scarce.

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The Battalion Sports were held on Saturday and Monday, the 25th and 27th inst. Any items concerning members who took part will be notified in the next issue.

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Congratulations are extended to Lce.-Sjt. Fotherby on his appointment to that rank; and to C.Q.M.S. West on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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The main topic of conversation at the present moment is Ripon—" What will it be like ? " " How far is it ? " and so on, *ad infinitum.*

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The Mess will be as one whilst at camp, so in all probability there will be several interesting items to record.

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Sjt. Ross is also to be congratulated, his whippet having won a handicap run at York.

Strensall Detachment.

Serjeants' Mess.

Having spent a fortnight at Strensall, the opportunity of finding " copy " has been little.

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In Ireland we had to wander over and around " Drapers Hill " and " Bo' Hill," and here at Strensall we have gaily romped like lambs over " Whinney Hill."

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Our days have been spent in Tactics of all sorts and sizes—Defensive positions, Platoon in attack, Battle outposts, falling in and out of bogs, and on night operations seeing things that were not there.

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One bright spot in the heaven of our existence was a political meeting held by a person whom we will call " Comrade Fotherbiski."

He is not a Russian subject, although his complexion might lead one to think that he is.

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His equilibrium is not so steady as it might have been, either, for he swerved with precision from being a Conservative on Monday to a Liberal on Tuesday.

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It is a good thing that there are not seven different varieties of a politician.

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It really did not matter, because the meeting was cancelled owing to the fact that the candidate had no desire to perform any fishlike evolutions in the vicinity of the camp. He did succeed in gathering some good advice which added considerably to his own vocabulary.

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Many other questions were asked, of course.

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Should sentries wear bayonets fixed at night ?

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Where is that cat ? by Chick.

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Sjt. Lynch performed with great credit in " W " Company's Sports.

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All members of " Y " Company also took part in an Old Soldiers' race during " Y " Company Sports.

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Sjt. " Staker " Donovan got hidden behind the tape, but in the end ran a good race. He also essayed the " High Jump."

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" Charlie " Dyke got several yards start owing to his service, but one yard was taken from him in case he happened to win by reason of his rotundity.

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However, enough!

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The shortness of these notes is regretted, but circumstances compel.

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There will no doubt be some " Ripon " notes next month.

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

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St. George's Ball, York, 1929.

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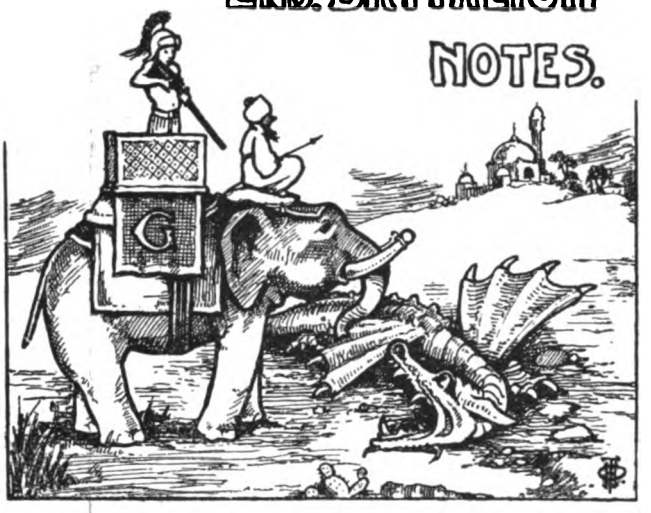

Lahore,

April, 1929.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY has come and gone and in a few days, eleven to be correct, the Battalion will be divided into three; one portion in the hills at Dagshai; one here in Napier Barracks, and one in Birdwood Barracks in Lahore itself.

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We enjoyed a minor thrill early in the month when, as a result of the murder of a Hindu agitator, Mahasha Rajpal, the Battalion was called upon to assist the police to quell any communal riots that might follow.

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For three days and two nights two platoons of the Battalion occupied the Kotwali, a police post near the railway station. Fortunately the police succeeded in averting any serious disturbance although Mr. Earle and a party of machine gunners had the good fortune to witness a Lathi charge by the police, who used their two-handed batons with skill and vigour, and quickly dispelled an ugly-looking mob.

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Another entertainment enjoyed by us during last month was staged in Spencer's Cinema in Cantonments and went by the name of Odds and Ends. Major Burton, R.A.M.C., was the organizer, promoter and manager, and he succeeded in producing a most attractive show; the chorus of "Garrison Girls" was exceptionally well drilled, and as attractive a chorus as we have seen anywhere. An especially attractive item on the programme was a Spanish scene in which all the dancers were arranged by Mrs. Waight, who also coached all the performers, and herself held us spellbound when she danced a Spanish shawl dance. Mr. Bucknall, Cpl. Stephenson, Fus. Butler and Bds. Winn were also included in the caste, and we congratulate them on their excellent performance.

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During the first week in April, H.E. The Governor gave a Ball to which most of the Officers went. Government House is a palatial building full of marble floors and stairways. Under the influence of these soothing surroundings Mr. Surtees fell asleep and dreamed that he dwelt in marble halls so vividly that he fell down the marble steps. He reports that the ground floor of Government House is not of such stuff as dreams are made on.

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A most successful football tournament has just been concluded, each platoon was allowed to enter several teams, six-a-side, and each team was allowed to chose its own name, so that even the members of those teams which weren't very successful in the tournament spent a happy fortnight laughing over the names which they had chosen for themselves. The Rules were roughly as follows:—

1. Ten minutes each way on a full-sized ground.
2. Kick in from touch instead of throw-in.
3. No corners.
4. No off-side rule.
5. Other rules as in Association Football.

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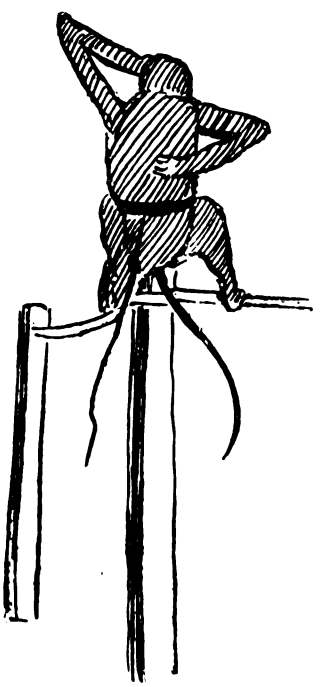
The tournament provided exercise and amusement for a large number of men, and was throughly enjoyed by every-



THE UNINVITED GUEST, LAHORE.

"I've got a good view and I'm next to the Governor, thanks!

one. The Weight Lifters, a team from the Machine Gunners, won the tournament, a list of results is published below.

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This brings us to St. George's Day. At about 5.30 a.m. on St. George's Day most of us had our early morning tea cooled by a heavy shower of rain (those of us, that is, who sleep "a la bed etorte" or outside). This was fortunate because, although the rain ceased before the parade the clouds remained, and so the morning was comparatively cool.

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The parade took place on the O'Dwyer ground, which, though small, is an excellent setting, and had the added advantage that the spectators were protected from the early morning sun by the trees, at least, they would have been if there had been any sun.

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The large number of guests (about 300 including Indian Officers and an uninvited monkey) were accommodated under immense awnings; the only one who sometimes preferred the view from the top of the awnings being the monkey.

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ADVERTISEMENT.—For the information of those who stand motionless on parade for such a considerable time, will any reader who knows this or any monkey please divulge his name and address, in order that he may be invited next year.

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Among the guests were H.E. Sir Geoffrey FitzHarvey de Montmorency, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., Governor of the Punjab; Major-General Sir Walter Leslie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lady Leslie; and Brigadier W. A. Fetherstonhaugh, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh.

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Owing to the smallness of the ground, only four Companies, instead of six, were on parade, and the following Officers took part:—Major R. M. St. John Booth, D.S.O. (Commanding); Lieut. E. O. Martin (Adjutant); Capt. and Brevet Major T. T. Carrol Leahy, D.S.O., M.C. (Colour Company); Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley (No. 2 Company), Lieut. P. H. Earle (No. 3 Company), Lieut. B. D. Tarleton (No. 4 Company); Lieut. R. S. Surtees, and 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Lean (carrying the Colours), and Boy Bartrop carried the Drummers Colour.

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Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., took the salute at the March Past; and Major-General Sir Walter Leslie, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., took the salute at the Advance in Review Order.

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The Drummers looked exceptionally well with their four new leopard skins, their new gosling green and red dress cords, and the new gosling green and red fringes to their epaulettes. Twelve side drums and four tenor drums were on parade.

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After the parade a very large number of guests came to breakfast at the Officers' Mess, where they first watched the Lodging of the Colours in Form.

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The Drums played outside the Officers' Mess during breakfast, while the guests sipped, gulped or drank cooling drinks under marquees in the shade of the mango, or other trees in the compound.

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After the last guest had departed, and after the last drink had disappeared, most of the Officers departed to the swimming baths, where they cooled their heated blood.

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Major Baxter and party were so eager to get into the water, that they changed into bathing costumes in their bungalows, and then made a rapid and record breaking journey to the baths in a bullock cart bedecked with red and white roses. The bullock travelled at a furious speed, the old time hunting blood of his ancestors having been roused by the wheezy notes of Major Carrol Leahy's hunting horn.

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At dinner that night telegrams from the following were read out, and we thank them all for their greetings:—Col. and Mrs. Ainsley, Sturges, Sitwell, Sandilands, Northumberland Regt. (Cobourgont), Betts, Major and Mrs. Ovans, Ingledew Wilkinson, Depôt Fifth Fusiliers, 1st Battalion, 4th Battalion, 5th, 6th, 7th Battalions, Old Comrades (London), Thomas, Flower, Redwood, Major Foster, Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Leverson, Kingsley Foster, Leach, Edgeworth Johnstone, Chipper, Bradford, Col. and Mrs. Heard, Tippetts, Col. Evans, Major and Mrs. St. John, Critchley (Roma), William Greville, Girdwood.

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St. George's Ball was held this year on 24th April, and we congratulate the Serjeants' Mess on the successful and spectacular show they staged. The Dance was held in the open, and the two tennis courts, covered with stretched tarpaulins, made an excellent dancing floor; while a third tennis court was carpeted, and, covered by a large shamiama, made an excellent sitting-out place. The whole ballroom was enclosed, while a central pole made a hub for streamers of different colour electric lights, giving rather the impression of a magic giant stride. There was a large number of guests, both military and civilian, and amongst other things they enjoyed an excellent supper. The Band, which occupied a dais like an island in the centre of the floor, played excellently and with obvious joy in their playing.

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Below we append the following:—

An account of the "Hart Medal" Boxing, the Weapon Training Classification for the year 1928–29, a list of badges, skill at arms, a list of small arms prize-winners, and an extract from the Officers' Mess game book for 1928–29.

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To conclude, we congratulate Fus. Hayton on defeating Cpl. Huggins, of the Hampshire Regt., in the final of the Northern Command Individual Boxing Tournament. Cpl. Huggins is Light Heavy-Weight Champion of India, and not many of us would even venture into the ring with him.

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EXTRACT FROM GAME BOOK, 1928–29.

Black Bear	4
Sambhu	3
Chital	3
Black Buck	6
Kakur	1
Barasingh	3
Marhhor	1
Pig	2
Bucksteal	229
Snipe	213
Pigeon	48
Chakor	27
Quail	24
Partridges—	
Black and Grey	14
Geese	2
Sand Grouse	7
Hare	1
Mahseer	21
Other Fish	3
Various	26
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Big Game.

Col. Kershaw	2 Shambhu
	3 Chital
	1 Pig
Major C. Salmonson	1 Marhhor
	2 Barasingh
Lt. P. H. Earle	2 Black Bear
Lt. Collingwood	1 Black Bear
	1 Shambhu
	5 Black Buck
	1 Kakur
	1 Pig
2nd-Lt. Millward	1 Black Bear
Lt. Bradford	1 Barasingh
Lt. Martin	1 Black Buck

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The following letter has been received from General Gouraud, Military Governor of Paris, by the Commanding Officer as

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a result of his recent visit to Lahore, when he was present at a display given by the Drums.

HOTEL DES INVALIDES.
17th March, 1929.

MY DEAR COLONEL,

I have just received your letter of 21st February; and the two photographs which accompanied it.

I am very grateful to you as you saw, I was very pleased with the magnificent bearing of the Drums and Fifes of your Battalion which I saw at the Lahore Camp, and I am happy in possessing a souvenir of them.

As I have said many times since my return to France, the memory of my voyage to India, which I prize most, is the very cordial welcome which I met with everywhere, and, above all, the happiness of meeting again old friends who fought alongside me in Gallipoli.

Please accept my best wishes and my pledge of lasting brotherhood in arms.

GOURAUD.

The Hart Boxing Tournament, 1929.

The Annual Individual Tournament for the Hart Medals took place in the open arena in Napier Barracks, on Thursday and Friday evenings, 11th and 12th April. We also held a Boys' Competition, which proved a great success and has shown us that they are no mean exponents of the noble art. The District Commander, Major-General Sir Walter Leslie, in his speech before presenting the prizes, was most enthusiastic over the performance of the boys, whose plucky showing was a feature of the Tournament.

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The Hart Cups for the years 1927–28, 1928–29 were awarded to Fusilier Hayton, who was adjudged by the Commanding Officer to have done most to promote the spirit of good boxing in the Battalion.

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Our thanks are due to Capt. H. F. Smith, R.T.C., who kindly consented to referee throughout the Tournament.

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The presiding officials were :—

Referee.—Capt. H. F. Smith (R.T.C.)

Judges.—Lieut. and Adjt. E. O. Martin (5th Fusiliers); Lieut. W. R. M. Clifford (5th Fusiliers.)

Timekeeper.—Capt. and Q.M. F. Wombwell, M.B.E. (5th Fusiliers).

M.C.—R.S.M. D. V. Redhead (5th Fusiliers).

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Light-Weight—1st Series.

Cpl. Turner (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Donachie (" D " Coy.) on points. Fus. Donaghy (H.Q. Wing) beat Fus. Calvin (H.Q. Wing) on points. Fus. Dixon (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Coxon (" D " Coy.) on points. Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q. Wing) beat Fus. Jamieson (" B " Coy.) on points.

Light-Weight—2nd Series.

Fus. Guest (" D " Coy.) outpointed Lce.-Cpl. Nicholls (" B " Coy.). Lce.-Cpl. Arrowsmith (H.Q. Wing) beat Fus. Scorer (" B " Coy.) on points.

Light-Weight—3rd Series.

Fus. Donaghy (H.Q. Wing) k.o. Cpl. Turner (" A " Coy.) in the 3rd round. Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q. Wing) k.o. Fus. Dixon in the 1st round.

Semi-Finals.

Fus. Donaghy (H.Q. Wing) beat Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q. Wing) after a hard fight in which hard hitting wore down both men considerably before the referee intervened in the final round. Fus. Guest (" D " Coy.) awarded the fight against Lce.-Cpl. Arrowsmith (H.Q. Wing), the latter having to scratch on medical grounds.

Final.—

Fus. Guest (" D " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Donaghy (H.Q. Wing). There were very few exchanges in the 1st round, both men sparring for an opening. At the end of the 2nd round, Donaghy was down from a smart right jab to the point. Guest boxed cleverly in the final round, and knocked out his man with a right to the point.

Welter-Weight—1st Series.

Fus. Clark (" B " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Elsey (" B " Coy.) in the 1st round. Lce.-Cpl. Muir (" A " Coy.) awarded the fight against Lce.-Cpl. Bennett (" B " Coy.), the latter having to scratch on medical grounds. Bdsmn. Miller (H.Q. Wing), a bye. Fus. Larkman (" D " Coy.), a bye.

Semi-Finals.

Lce.-Cpl. Muir (" A " Coy.) k.o. Fus. Clark (" B " Coy.) in the 1st round. Bdsmn. Miller (H.Q. Wing) beat Fus. Larkman (" D " Coy.), the latter putting up a good fight against a more experienced opponent.

Final.—

Lce.-Cpl. Muir (" A " Coy.) *v.* Bdsmn. Miller (H.Q. Wing). After a few exchanges, Miller k.o. his opponent in the opening round.

Feather-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Smith (" A " Coy.) k.o. Drummer Good (" C " Coy.) with a well-timed right to the point in the 3rd round. Fus. Seymour (H.Q. Wing) k.o. Fus. White (" D " Coy.) with a right hook in the 2nd round.

Final.—Fus. Seymour (H.Q. Wing) *v.* Fus. Smith (" A " Coy.). This was a good fight, Smith putting up a splendid show against a clever boxer. Seymour was very fast, and landed some telling blows during the 1st round. In the 2nd round he scored with some hard rights to the face, while Smith used his left to advantage. Smith stood a deal of punishment during the final round, allowing Seymour to score frequently with both hands. Seymour won on points.

Middle-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Morton (H.Q. Wing) was too good for Fus. Black (H.Q. Wing), whom he k.o. in the 1st round. Fus. Wright (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. McCaffery (" A " Coy.) after a splendid bout. McCaffery dropped to the boards exhausted in the 3rd round.

Final.

Fus. Morton (H.Q. Wing) *v.* Fus. Wright (" D " Coy.). This brought together a pair of clever boxers who were evenly matched. Both men registered some smart blows during the opening round, Morton having slightly the better of the exchanges. The 2nd round was a gruelling affair, both men striving for a k.o. In the final round, Wright levelled the points by connecting with some straight lefts. The referee awarded an extra round of one minute during which Morton put his opponent down with a right to the point, and gained the verdict by a narrow margin of points. Wright was subsequently awarded the Best Loser's Cup.

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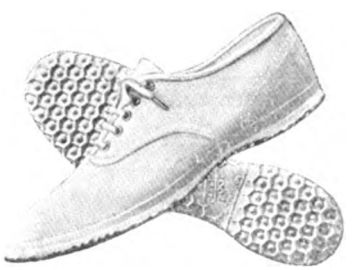

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Bantam-Weight—Final.

Fus. Ridley (" D " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Proctor (" D " Coy.). Throughout the three rounds, Proctor made the mistake of swinging his blows, and Ridley took the opportunity of stepping in and accumulating points with rights to the face and stomach. In the 2nd round, Ridley shook his man with a right to the point, and after boxing coolly in the 3rd round received the verdict on points.

Light Heavy-Weight Final.

Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.) *v.* Drmr. Travis (" D " Coy.). This was the best bout of the Tournament, both men being well acquainted with the finer points of the game. The in-fighting tactics applied by both boxers was a special feature of the contest. Both men scored with jabs and half-arm body blows which were delivered with great speed in rapid succession. Cross employed a very useful left in the 3rd round with piston-like precision, and gained the verdict by a very narrow margin of points.

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BOYS' COMPETITION.

Mosquito-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Boy Bartrop (5th Fus.) beat Boy Brooks (5th Fus.). Boy Gibson (5th Fus.)—a bye.

Final.—Bartrop beat Gibson.

Bantam-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Boy Love (5th Fus.) beat Boy Nesbit (5th Fus.). Boy Smyth (5th Fus.), a bye.

Final.—Smyth beat Lowe.

Light-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Boy Tradewell (5th Fus.) beat Boy Palmer (5th Fus.). Boy Dowdell (5th Fus.) beat Boy Fox (5th Fus.).

Final.—Dowdell beat Tradewell.

Feather-Weight—Semi-Finals.

Boy Bridgewater (5th Fus.) beat Boy Crutchley (The Rifle Brigade). Boy Crooks (The Rifle Brigade) beat Boy Sanctuary (5th Fus.).

Final.—Bridgewater beat Crooks.

Middle-Weight—Final.

Boy King (The Rifle Brigade) beat Boy Davies (The Rifle Brigade).

Mill Competition (7 a side).

H.Q. Wing and " A " Coy. beat " C " and " D " Coys. of Battalion.

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Badges—Skill-at-Arms.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men are entitled to wear the badges as stated against their names :—

Table " B."

4258935 Sjt. W. Wasse, best marksman amongst W.O.'s, Serjeants and Lce.-Serjeants, entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., Sec. 21, para. 6 (b).

4262043 Fus. M. M. Goodwill, " A " Company. Best marksman amongst Corporals and Fusiliers (entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 6 (c)).

Best marksmen in each Company :—

4268935 Sjt. W. Wasse (" A " Coy.)
4261746 Fus. R. Langley (" B " Coy.).
4257045 C.Q.M.S. J. Parkin (" C " Coy.)
4264392 Fus. R. Burns (" D " Coy.)
4262035 Dmr. F. Richards (H.Q. Wing)

(Entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 6 (a)).

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4262706 Cpl. W. Hannon (" B " Coy.)—Best 1st Class Gunner amongst Serjeants, Lce.-Serjeants and Corporals ; score 143 ; entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 7 (a).

4262816 Fus. G. Burns, " C " Company—Best 1st Class Gunner amongst Fusiliers ; score 177 (decided on score in Practice II.) ; entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 7 (b)).

Best 1st Class Gunner in each Company :—

4263745 Fus. J. Batey (" A " Coy.)	.. Score	177
4258631 Fus. R. Wood (" B " Coy.)	.. ,,	174
4262816 Fus. G. Burns (" C " Coy.)	.. ,,	177
4263244 Fus. A. Oates (" D " Coy.)	.. ,,	164

(Entitled to wear the badge as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 7 (c)).

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Machine Gun.

Highest score—4264846 Lce.-Cpl. J. Hall ; score 396.

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Competitions.—The following are the scores made in the competition as laid down in S.A.T., Vol. II., chap. i., sec. 21, para. 6, to decide best marksman in each Company, etc. :—

Sjt. Wasse (" A " Coy.)	Score	37
Fus. M. M. Goodwill (" A " Coy.)	,,	37
C.S.M. M. M. Beck (" D " Coy.)	,,	33
C.Q.M.S. Parkin (" C " Coy.)	,,	28
Fus. Cleaves (" A " Coy.)	,,	26
Dmr. Richards (H.Q. Wing)	,,	23
Fus. Burns (" D " Coy.)	,,	21
Fus. J. Smith (" C " Coy.)	,,	16
Drm.-Major Evans (H.Q. Wing)	,,	14
Lce.-Cpl. Dodds (H.Q. Wing)	,,	12

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Weapon Training—Classification.—The following is the Weapon Training Classification of the Battalion for the year 1928–29 :—

Table " B."

	Recld. M.	M.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class
" A " Company ..	6	23	36	59	10
" B " Company ..	2	20	37	59	5
" C " Company ..	2	3	23	65	29
" D " Company ..	6	6	34	74	22
H.Q. Wing ..	3	7	33	85	8
Indian Platoon ..	—	2	10	20	7

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Table " L."

	1st Class	Qualified	Unqualified
" A " Company	18	10	8
" B " Company	17	15	4
" C " Company	18	14	5
" D " Company	10	18	8

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Revolver.

	M.	1st Class.	2nd Class	Failed
" A " Company ..	2	2	8	3
" B " Company ..	3	5	5	1
" C " Company ..	3	4	5	—
" D " Company ..	1	3	3	5
H.Q. Wing ..	4	4	11	4

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Machine Gun.

	M.	1st Class.	Qualified.	Unqualified.
M.G. Platoon ..	8	19	26	7
M.G. Class ..	—	3	4	4

Serjeants' Mess.

At the time of writing, the stokers are again on full time in Lahore. Yet, while it is very hot outside, and parades finish at 10 a.m., the solidity of the buildings and the presence of electric fans make for comfort indoors, in contrast with the conditions prevailing in Tintown, Nowshera, at this time of the year. The boxes and packing cases have once more been brought to light, for next week (7th May) many of us leave Lahore for the cooler climes of Dagshai, a hill station in the Simla Hills, and 6,000 feet above sea level.

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We extend a very hearty welcome to R.S.M. Redhead and Mrs. Redhead, who joined the 2nd Battalion at Lahore on the 24th March, after a pleasant journey from Blighty on the s.s. *City of Paris*. Mr. Redhead has that cheery smile and happy demeanour that go far towards making the social life of a Serjeants' Mess a real, lasting success, and under his leadership there are happy times in store for us.

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C.S.M. Dalby seems to attract things that bite. He has been bitten by a monkey, a dog or two, a snake or so, and if the Mess prophets are to be relied upon he will next be bitten by a wild woman.

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A billiard tournament of 25 up proved very popular by reason of onlookers being allowed to " rag " the players. The players are required to remember their scores, and the onlookers must do their best to make the players forget their scores. The first of the players to make a correct declaration of having scored 25 is the winner, a player being required to start afresh if he " busts." Sjt. Young met W.O. Instr. Murdoch in the final, and after both " busted " several times the latter proved the winner. The " raggers " on this occasion deserved full marks.

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The Officers gave a " Tennis At-Home " to the Serjeants and their wives, on the Serjeants' Mess Courts. The ladies did not participate in the tennis, but sat down to an excellent tea, over which our strokes were no doubt severely criticised. The tennis matches were held on the system of the American Tennis Tournament, the method of conducting which is obvious after a perusal of the teams and order of play given below. Most matches were well contested, with the exception of our Mess couples, who encountered Major Carroll-Leahy and Captain Plummer. This couple proved a very strong combination, winning their matches by 5—2, 6—1, 7—0. Messrs. Steffen and Murdoch (the old firm) won their three matches, but with a much smaller margin.

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Captain Cooper cannot be descended from sailors, for this sound tennis player appeared to be upset by the strong wind that was blowing. On the other hand, his partner, Colonel S. H. Kershaw, appeared quite at home under stormy conditions, playing a steady game. It was unfortunate that the Clerk of the Weather decided to provide a dust storm on this particular afternoon. One thing is certain, however, the dust storm was the harbinger of very dry throats, judging by the full justice that our members did to the cool and refreshing beverages so liberally supplied by our Officers.

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	OFFICERS' TEAM.	SERJEANTS' TEAM.
(a)	Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw Capt. C. H. Cooper	(1) C.S.M. Larkman Sjt. Chapman
(b)	Capt. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley	(2) R.Q.M.S. Atkinson Drum-Major Evans
(c)	Lieut. B. D. Tarleton Lieut. R. S. Surtees	(3) W.O. Instr. Murdoch Bandmaster Steffen
(d)	Lieut. P. H. Earle Lieut. E. O. Martin	(4) Sjt. Hart Sjt. Fairley
(e)	Major T. J. Carroll-Leahy Capt. A. E. B. Plummer	(5) Sjt. Earle C.S.M. Moon
(f)	Lieut. J. E. Leen Capt. D. E. F. Waight	(6) Sjt. Smith C.S.M. Davis

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ORDER OF PLAY.

No. 1 Court.	Score. Off.	Sjts.	No. 2 Court.	Score. Off.	Sjts.	No. 3 Court.	Score. Off.	Sjts.
a v. 1	4	3	b v. 2	2	5	c v. 3	3	4
d v. 4	6	1	e v. 5	6	1	f v. 6	2	5
b v. 3	2	5	c v. 1	4	3	a v. 2	3	4
e v. 6	5	2	f v. 4	5	2	d v. 5	5	2
c v. 2	3	4	a v. 3	3	4	b v. 1	2	5
f v. 5	5	2	d v. 6	5	2	e v. 4	7	0
Total	25	17		25	17		22	20

Grand Total—Officers .. 72
Serjeants .. 54

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Later on we played the members of the Air Force Park Serjeants' Mess, on the American Tennis Tournament system, and on this occasion proved too good for our opponents, winning by 74 games to 52.

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The Staff and Departmental Club members have entertained us to tennis and tea on many occasions. On all-round play they are much stronger players than ourselves, with few exceptions, so they have helped to improve our standard of play.

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Our last tennis "At Home" was given exclusively to the members of this club. It was run on non-competitive lines, and matches were arranged to suit the skill of different couples. We had most enjoyable tennis, but ended up with very wet shirts.

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In previous numbers of the *Gazette* the success and popularity of our Whist Drives and Dances has been mentioned. In this number a word or two concerning our Sunday Concerts deserve space in these columns. Organised by W.O. Instr. Murdoch these concerts have proved very popular. The last concert was by far the best, mainly due to the added attraction of an orchestra (consisting of volunteers), provided through the efforts of Mr. Steffen, who also trained the Quartette Party. It was very gratifying to the organiser to see the large Mess Reading Room filled to overflowing with our own members, and people from all parts of Lahore, and it is no idle boast to say that every item of the programme was enjoyed by all present.

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Programme.

PART I.

ORCHESTRAL SELECTION
SONG .. .. Cpl. Stephenson
PIANOFORTE SOLO .. .. Mrs. Garnett, L.R.A.M
QUARTETTE .. .. Messrs. Stephen, Murdoch, Stephenson and Martin
ORCHESTRAL SELECTION
SONG .. .. Mrs. Thomson (Royal Tank Corps)
SONG .. .. Mr. Murdoch
ORCHESTRAL SELECTION

PART II.

DUET .. .. Mrs. Thomson and Cpl. Stephenson
SONG .. .. Staff/Sjt. Bruin (R.A.O.C.)
MONOLOGUE .. .. Mr. Murdoch
ORCHESTRAL SELECTION
QUARTETTE .. Messrs. Stephen, Murdoch, Stephenson and Martin
ORCHESTRAL SELECTION

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We have to congratulate Lce.-Sjt. Wood on his promotion to Sjt., and Cpl. Woods on his promotion to Lce.-Sjt. What would please them more?

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All members wait patiently for our worthy friend Sjt. Wasse to accrue sufficient credits as will enable him to fill the Cup he won for being best shot among the W.O.'s and Sjts. It appears that C.S.M. Beck and Sjt. Wasse had to shoot off to decide who won the trophy. It occasioned no little surprise when the "Musketry Wizard" succumbed to the superior shooting of Sjt. Wasse, and at our final Sunday Concert C.S.M. Beck was presented with befitting formality and ceremony with a huge gilded wooden spoon.

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Mr. Minck, the owner of the largest jewellery business in Lahore, has very kindly presented the Mess with a very fine chiming clock. We thank Mr. Minck for the kindly thought that prompted him to make us such a handsome and useful gift. When it chimes like "Big Ben" a feeling of home-sickness steals over one.

In the next issue of the *Gazette* it is hoped to give a full account of St. George's Ball.

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W.O. H. J. Murdoch, M.S.M.

It is not without a certain amount of pride to the Old Soldier—for W.O. Murdoch has 22 years' service to his credit—that one looks back in retrospect over the past four years to be confronted with the facts that to-day in the 2nd Battalion, from a Unit possessing in March, 1925, 23 men with 1st Class Certificates of Education, 182 men with 2nd Class Certificates, and the colossal figure of 352 men uncertificated this standard has been raised to 36 men with 1st Class Certificates, 497 men with 2nd Class Certificates, and that only 24 uncertificated men remain in 1929.

It is an acknowledged fact that the burden of effecting this

W.O. H. J. MURDOCH, M.S.M., A.E.C.

wonderful improvement has been borne by our Education Warrant Officer, Mr. H. J. Murdoch, and that the credit due for it is his.

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Of his 22 years' service, 13 years have been spent in India, and no period in any man's service could have given birth to more fruitful results for the Barrack room soldier than his four years spent with the 2nd Battalion of the FIFTH. To raise the standard of education in a Battalion which is mainly composed of North Country miners, bred to manual labour, and looking askance at Education and its merits, is testimony to the worth and popularity of Mr. Murdoch, and to the herculean efforts he has put forth to encourage, persuade, and eventually succeed in gaining the confidence of the men of the Regiment. From an utter contempt of the school parade the tide has veered to a general desire to attend for there is now inbred in the mind

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the sure confidence that Mr. Murdoch will succeed where most others would fail. So great is the affection amongst the lower ranks for our Educational genius, that one recalls with a deal of enthusiasm and a knowing smile, the personality which led the innumerable "Smith Family"—six Fusiliers of that large clan—to dub their Company Education Instructor "Murdoch-Smith," to distinguish him from others of that ilk.

The past twelve months have been a record year for Certificates gained in the Battalion. Out of 12 candidates who presented themselves for the 1st Class Certificate Examination, 9 succeeded in gaining the Certificate; whilst of the remaining three, two qualified in three subjects and one qualified in two subjects; 103 men succeeded in gaining the 2nd Class Certificates out of 117 who were examined; whilst 66 3rd Class Certificates were obtained out of 68 candidates who sat. This record of 178 Certificates out of 197 who presented themselves for examination is a result of which both the Battalion and Mr. Murdoch are justly proud.

It represents, to the private soldier, wealth of which he was wont to despair, and, morally, has helped the Musketry Instructor to raise his one-time third class shot to a better and encouraged standard. One has only to view the gradually advancing standard of shooting in the Battalion, and, in justice to Mr. Murdoch, he must take his full share of credit in lightening the labour of the range specialist.

The Central School System has paid well. Preliminary training has been undertaken in the Companies themselves, and selected candidates from these classes came under the Central School for special training preparatory to taking the exams.

W.O. Murdoch's several Educational books, which have been written by him, and very widely circulated in India, have been of invaluable assistance to candidates. His "Everyday Series"—especially "Everyday English," in which grammar is taught in an informal manner—is a boon to every private soldier.

Old Soldiers who owe Mr. Murdoch a debt of gratitude are Fuslrs. Regan, Bridgeman and Cassidy. To pass the 3rd class standard at their term of service is no mean achievement. In their cases hope was almost abandoned, for the past years of disappointment offered but little encouragement, and did not lighten the task of the Education Warrant Officer.

In the midst of all his labours, Mr. Murdoch can still find time to assist in the social life of the Regiment. A member of the St. George's Minstrel Troupe, he sings a good bass song, and is a raconteur of no mean ability. He also plays cricket for the Regimental team, and is quite useful with the cue and racket. A great Serjeants' Mess member, whose organising abilities are in great demand, he figures on most committees, and his advice is readily accepted.

When W.O. Murdoch leaves the Battalion, next Trooping Season, to take his discharge, the Regiment will lose a great friend. Although of the Army Educational Corps, Mr. Murdoch is ostensibly a Fusilier to his finger tips. No Fusilier has done better service, and no private soldier could wish for a better friend. He is one of the original type of old Army Schoolmasters, whose pride from boyhood days is wrapped in the spirit of the Service.

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Depôt.

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21st May, 1929.

WE wish to take this opportunity of thanking Col. Herbert and all ranks of the 1st Battalion for the perfectly splendid way in which we were all entertained at York on St. George's Day.

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There are at present two squads at the Depôt: January and February Squads. A further Squad is at present being formed. January Squad is due to be drafted to the 1st Battalion on the 31st May, 1929. November Squad (strength 25) was drafted to the 1st Battalion on the 3rd May. The draft was conducted by Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Lce.-Sjt. Horlington.

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A draft of 4 Other Ranks for Discharge and Transfer to the Army Reserve, arrived from the 2nd Battalion on the 28th April, and were disposed of the following day.

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We have been very pleased to receive visits from the following:—Major O. B. Foster, M.C., Mr. Alfred Brewis (perhaps the greatest living authority on the History of the Regiment), Mr. G. C. Humphreys, Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., and Mr. P. Cruddas. We understand that the latter is about to obtain a commission in the 4th Battalion.

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Our efforts to assist the Territorial Army with their training continue. Since our last notes three more cooks have attended Cookery Courses at the Depôt, and it is anticipated that a further half-dozen will visit us prior to the commencement of their Annual Camp at Ripon, on the 16th of June. At the time of writing we have nine men of the 7th Battalion attached to us for a Signalling Course. Since the 7th of January we have had 282 men attached to the Depôt for six-day courses. Cpl. Taylor has been visiting the 6th Battalion in the evenings in order to assist them with the training of their recruits. Mr. T. N. Douthwaite and Mr. E. F. Middleton (both 5th Battalion) have carried out attachments during the past month.

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We congratulate Lce.-Sjt. W. Graham on obtaining a Q.1 at the Small Arms School (Hythe Wing).

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No. 4265639 Fus. M. Roberts has been posted to the Depôt for a tour of duty (29/4/29).

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The sincere sympathy of all ranks of the Depôt is extended to Sjt.-Instructor Gent (A.E.C.) on the death of his wife.

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The Depôt Staff (with the exception of four casuals) have now completed their Annual Rifle Course. The Annual Lewis Gun Course was fired in March. It is proposed to enter a team for the Prince of Wales' Cup (A.R.A. Competition) again this year, and it is hoped to fire this Competition in the very near future.

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Owing to the small number of recruits now at the Depôt, there will be no Inter-Squad Boxing Competition this quarter, nor will the usual 5th/68th Regimental Depôts Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition take place.

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A holiday was observed on 14th May to enable all ranks to witness the opening of the North-East Coast Exhibition by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

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Major A. M. Rose, D.S.O., M.B., R.A.M.C., who has been in charge of the Military Hospital for the past four years, left Newcastle on the 12th May, having been posted to Belfast on promotion. We are very sorry indeed to lose him as he always took a most active interest in all our doings. We welcome his successor, Major J. J. D. Roche, M.B., R.A.M.C.

Association Football.

On the 29th April our usual Depôt Team played their last match of the season in the Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League, when they defeated the Post Office Wednesday, at Walker, by four goals to one. We finished the season as fourth in the League, the 68th Depôt being second.

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Extract from League Table:—

				Goals.		
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Points.
22	13	8	1	103	46	27

Serjeants' Mess.

The St. George's Ball was held on Friday, 19th April, in the Gymnasium. It was held on this date to enable members to go to York on St. George's Day for the Trooping of the Colours by the 1st Battalion.

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The Gymnasium was very beautifully decorated, and great credit is due to the Committee who worked very hard to make the Ball a success. Between 450 and 500 attended the Ball, and dancing was carried on into the small hours of the morning. We were glad to see so many old faces present. Everybody seemed to have greatly enjoyed themselves, and I think that the Ball can be put down as a great success.

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It is regretted that in a few cases invites were not sent to a few of our old members, this was not because they were forgotten, but due to an oversight, and our humble apologies are due to any so affected, and it is hoped that this will be rectified next year.

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On St. George's Day a few of us went to York to witness the Trooping of the Colour by the 1st Battalion, and we witnessed a very fine parade. Our thanks are due to the 1st Battalion members for their hospitality, and that everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our only regret was that circumstances would not permit of us staying on for the Ball, but we all hope to attend next year.

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We have heard that the R.S.M. has taken very seriously

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to gardening, and it is rumoured that the radishes have at last made their appearance.

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By the time that these notes are in press another member will have been transferred to the roll of "Benedicts," to wit, C.S.M. Curtis, who is being married on 29th May at the Cathedral, the bride being Miss Tradewell, the daughter of Mr. Tradewell, the Barrack Warden, at Newcastle.

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To them both we offer our sincere congratulations, and wish them every success and happiness in their married life.

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It looks as though Mr. Tradewell will have earned the title of "The Father of the Regiment," as besides having a son serving with the 2nd Battalion in India, he will have two daughters married to members of the Regiment, and one never knows where this will end.

Museum.

The following donations to help start the Depôt Regimental Museum are gratefully acknowledged to date (22nd May, 1929) :—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged ..	43	3	0
Capt. H. F. Attwater	0	10	0
Major E. H. Baxter	0	10	0
Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O. ..	0	10	0
D. C. Bucknall, Esq.	0	10	0
Major T. J. Carroll Leahy, D.S.O., M.C.	0	10	0
Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C.	0	10	0
W. A. M. Clifford, Esq.	0	10	0
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R. Forbes-Watson, Esq.	1	0	0
H. S. Flower, Esq.	0	10	0
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E. H. D. Grimley, Esq.	0	10	0
R. H. Hobbs, Esq...	0	10	0
W. P. Jones, Esq.	0	10	0
Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
E. O. Martin, Esq.	0	10	0
C. C. G. Milward, Esq.	0	10	0
Major H. L. Ovans, C.B.E.	0	10	0
Capt. T. C. L. Redwood	1	0	0
R. S. Surtees, Esq.	0	10	0
Total	£55	13	0

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This month we have to thank Mr. Alfred Brewis for his most kind donation of various exhibits to the Museum. We are most grateful to him, not only for the interest he has taken in the Museum, but also for these most welcome additions which he has presented. Mr. Brewis was present at the Trooping of the Colour at York on St. George's Day, and took an interesting cinema film of the Trooping. He is well known as a very great authority on the history of the Regiment, and always takes the greatest interest in their doings. Since the War he has compiled the history of two of the service Battalions and no one knows more of the history of the Regiment than he does.

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Military Pickle is the favourite with all cold meat—it makes it so appetising, so piquant, so rich and spicy. It changes an indifferent meal into one really enjoyable. And an enjoyable meal is a healthy one ! ! ! Mellow and sweet in flavour, yet sharp enough to give just the fillip required to the jaded appetite.

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He has presented the following :—

A collection of 13 medals (all FIFTH) including a Peninsular Medal.

A collection of badges (head-dress and belt).

A book entitled : " A System for Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry." This is a most interesting book, giving much information regarding the Order of Merit.

Engravings of the following Officers :—

General Sir William Meadows—Lieut.-Col., 5th Foot (1769–1774).

Major Bernardi—Ensign, 5th Foot (1676). Capt. 5th Foot (1685).

Sir John Fenwick (beheaded on Tower Hill, 1697). The *first* Colonel of 5th Foot (1675).

Major-General Sir George Hewitt.

A Water Colour, by Simpkin, depicting various periods of dress of the Regiment.

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We also have to thank Major General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., for the following :—

A German entrenching tool.

Purse (captured from German airman).

A G.O.C.'s Arm Band.

Various papers connected with the Regiment in the Great War.

R.S.M. Brocklesby :—

A hand grenade (early pattern).

Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society Ball, 1929.

As a result of the proceeds of the above Ball, held on 18th April, 1929, we are pleased to state that a cheque for £231 has been handed to the Secretary of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, 8, Higham Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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It may again be emphasised that any parcels of old clothing and boots are always most acceptable and will be gladly acknowledged if sent to the Secretary at the above address.

Correspondents are asked to assist punotual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

Please write on ONE side of paper only.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,
27th May, 1929.

DURING the past month, drills have been proceeding steadily, and particularly in the case of the embryo M.G. Company great strides have been made. Since St. George's Day there has been no social events to record, as everyone has been too busy with the strictly military side of the Battalion affairs.

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A very popular and interesting innovation took place during the week-end 25th/26th May. A combined Signalling and Tactical Exercise, in which the Signallers of the whole Brigade, the Battery Staffs of the 72nd Field Brigade R.A., and the 50th Divisional Signals all took part. Our Signallers were billetted for the night at Mr. Thompson's Farm, Whittonstall, together with the 285th Field Battery R.A., who were affiliated to us. Mr. Thompson did all that he could to make us comfortable in his granary, an ideal billet, and the feeding arrangements were admirable—so much so, in fact, that one of the gunners was heard to remark, as he demolished his third helping of stew, that " he wished he was thinking of transferring to the 4th Battalion." The crowning touch in a most profitable and very pleasant week-end was the weather, which remained perfect throughout.

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Recruiting is continuing steadily, and our numbers at last show an upward tendency. The Recruiting closes on 4th June, following a Recruiting March on 3rd June, when we hope to attest a considerable number.

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It is much regretted that two of our Officers will not be in camp this year. Mr. Smith, who is prevented by pressure of work, and Mr. Casebourne, who is resigning his Commission, on being appointed to a post in South America.

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We take this opportunity of bidding him good-bye, and wishing him the best of luck in a new country.

Serjeants' Mess.

We take the opportunity of congratulating our Billiard Team on winning the Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers and Sjts. Association League.

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Nearly all the members proceeded to Hebburn Drill Hall to see the distribution of prizes and spent a good night.

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Our team consisted of :—R.S.M. Clarke (*capt.*), C.Q.M.S. Jopson, Sjt. McHugh, Sjt. Freeborn.

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In the absence of our Captain (now with the 1st Bn.), C.Q.M.S. Cowans (*Sec.*) received the Cup and Medals from Lieut.-Col. Angus, M.C., R.A., on behalf of the Mess.

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Congratulations to the Tyne Electrical Engineers on being the only team to defeat us, we understand this was due to our trainer's shortage of juice. We hope to overcome the handicap sustained by the loss of our Captain and retain the Cup next year.

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The chief topic during the month was camp, and if things plan out as well as expected, we are in for a Rip(on) time.

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Sjt. McIver returned from a Master Cook's Course and we understand there'll be no (shortage) in camp.

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Our deepest sympathy to C.Q.M.S. C. P. D. Jopson on his sad bereavement.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,
May, 1929.

SUMMER once again seems to have smiled upon us and with its gladdening rays appear, like the flies from winter somnambulism, those laggards who, each year just manage to get their requisite number of drills recorded. The Platoon Serjeants and Sjt.-Majors are having to start from the beginning once more, and they take the chance to exercise their junior N.C.O.'s. It is wonderful how these aforesaid people manage to work out just how many their obligations are, and more wonderful still how they manage to fulfil them.

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Work in connection with the new M.G. Company is in full swing, and many of the new personnel seem to show great aptitude with the gun. After the Annual Camp Training is over we hope to have a real sound M.G. Company in full working order.

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A week-end exercise was held at Chollerford on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th May. The Officers proceeded to a rendezvous on the Roman Road on the Saturday afternoon, where the C.O., Col. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., explained the scheme, on introducing M.G.'s, and went over the ground with the Officers. On the Sunday, the N.C.O.'s, numbering 80, came out by bus, and the scheme was worked out as per programme. A good feed was produced by those in charge of the George Hotel, at Chollerford, one at which great satisfaction was expressed. Although the weather was somewhat inclement at times, they returned, we are told, tired, but happy. The Officers also were in like state, mainly through their exertions to make a certain Officer advertise on his car a recently issued evening paper of note. This having failed, they endeavoured to make him give a practical advertisement of his use of a widely used brand of petrol. This also, we may add, was unsuccessful, and this Officer's stock is now up two points. We must not forget to mention a serious heath fire, which interrupted operations on Saturday afternoon. This was gallantly fought by the Officers.

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On Monday, 20th May, H.Q. Wing, less transport personnel, and "A" Company attended at Ponteland Range to fire their Annual Course. There was an attendance of some 100 N.C.O.'s and O.R.'s, and some good shooting was shown.

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On Monday evening, 20th May, the Women's Guild held a dance in the Drill Hall at Walker. This is now becoming an annual feature. Although the fine weather and the day being Whit-Monday mitigated against a large attendance, there were some 300 present, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Refreshments were provided, and the music was excellent. We hope the financial results were up to expectation.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 602 Other Ranks. Recruits are coming in slowly, but surely, and what is better a finer type is presenting itself.

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Messrs. Besley and Stephenson were attached to the 1st Battalion at York from 4th to the 17th May, to complete the remainder of their initial course. We understand they were given plenty of work, being taken out to Strensall to share in Company Exercises. With their first hand knowledge they are now rather highbrow instead of being merely Bright Young People. We must take this opportunity of thanking the 1st Battalion in helping to bring us right up to the mark in every way.

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Mr. Middleton attended at the Depôt, Newcastle, for the first part of the Initial Course from 11th to 22nd May, and Mr. Douthwaite for the 2nd part of the Initial Course from the 6th to the 18th May, and had their ideas "bucked up" a little by the Depôt Staff, which adds another little debt to our account with the Depôt.

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The Brigade Golf Tournament held at Alnmouth was won by Capts. Leete and Stanley, with a score of 7 down.

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Who said the 5th Battalion could not play at the "Royal and Ancient."

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Our Intensive Training Week was held from the 13th to 17th May. Quite good attendances were recorded on all nights. On the Thursday evening the Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., came down to visit us and expressed satisfaction with all he saw. As his visit coincided with a conference of Officers and N.C.O.'s, he addressed a few words to the conference in which he outlined coming events in camp. After touching upon the question of Brigade Guards, he urged upon all to cultivate the "Brigade *esprit de corps*," as well as a Battalion and a Regimental spirit. This, it is hoped, to foster by Brigade sports and in other ways.

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A Brigade Signalling Exercise was held near Riding Mill on the 25th/26th May. Our Adjutant, Captain B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., was unable to attend owing to a severe chill; 22 Signallers attended, and the following Officers:—Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L.; Major B. Peatfield, M.C.; Capt. F. H. Phillips, Capt. and Qrmr. E. W. Thompson, and 2nd-Lieuts. Besley, Douthwaite and Middleton.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
May, 1929.

SINCE our last notes, our most conspicuous duty has been the furnishing of a Guard of Honour to Colonel His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales on the opening of the North-East Coast Exhibition, on the 14th May. We turned out what we really believe to have been an excellent Guard (and in all modesty we must limit our comments to that), and

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those who were privileged to take part in it, deserve the highest praise for their labours. The drills and rehearsals are always

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales with Col. L. St. A. Warde-Aldam and Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson.
(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

lengthy and exacting, though we would have preferred to have had longer notice of our duties. Only those who really have seen the practice and self sacrifice that an obligation of this kind entails, can understand the keenness and good Battalion spirit the work demands.

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For the Guard itself, 158 volunteered, and it was unfortunate indeed that all could not be given a place. The task of selecting the N.C.O.'s and men was extremely difficult, and due attention had to be paid to "sizeing," which resulted in the omission of several exceptionally smart Fusiliers who might not have been able to fill a required place. Almost sixty per cent. of the Guard had medals, a fact which much impressed His Royal Highness who, from previous experience, spoke

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales at the Opening of the North-East Coast Exhibition, 14th May, 1929.
(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

exceedingly kind words about the Serjeants' Mess as a means for keeping in touch with our own ex-Service Warrant Officers and Serjeants.

We can congratulate too, our Bandmaster, Mr. W. A. Crosse, and Drum-Major Snowdon, on the general appearance of the

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales inspecting the Guard of Honour of 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.
14th May, 1929.
(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

Band and Drums. They were certainly at their very best both in music and turn-out.

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Capt. F. Dawson, M.C., was in command of the Guard with Mr. G. L. A. France, and the King's Colours were carried by Mr. R. Potter.

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Our old friends, the R.N.V.R., supplied a similar Guard and we are much indebted to them for that hearty co-operation both before and during the ceremony, which did so much to make the Guard a complete success.

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By the time these notes are published, we shall be under

Guard of Honour (6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers) to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 14th May, 1929.
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canvas, and once more at Ripon. May we only have some of the weather we now endure in the Drill Hall! Ripon is a good centre and as, according to some writer, one measures

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the advantages of a place by the ease with which one can get away from it, the Camp has all the requisite facilities for sight seeing and enjoyment.

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The Camp this year is on the high ground above the river, and this should give us excellent football and sports grounds. We speak, however, with all caution, for our Training Programme has not yet been published. This may limit our efforts at recreation to a comparatively small part of Yorkshire, but as we know Brigade Sports are to be held in Camp this year, opportunities must be obtained for Battalion Sports to get our Brigade Teams.

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These thoughts, with the prospect of inter-Company Football, Boxing and the over-riding apprehension that his Company may not win the Duke's Cup and the Worsley-Gough Cup, make the Company Commander's mind a little uneasy, but we hear that already the Company "G" and "Q" Staffs are settling down to their jobs, and are prepared to cope with any situation, except bad beer and submarine attacks.

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We fear the Exhibition is likely to affect us rather seriously for Camp. One or two of our Officers will be absent for the greater part of the time, if not altogether, and several N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers have work, either at stalls or on general employment in the grounds, which obviously they cannot leave in Race Week. Still it is a great thing to realise that our out-of-work numbers are rapidly decreasing. We trust this augurs well for many who have waited patiently for better times.

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It creates a difficulty all the same, and few men once established in work, after a long spell of idleness, care to risk causing offence to their employers by applying for leave. One can only rely on the patriotism and support of those who do employ Territorial soldiers, to grant them every facility to become efficient, and assist in the development of an inexpensive Second Line.

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Little has taken place in the Sporting World that concerns our Battalion. We tried as an experiment to compete in the Open Relay Race at North Durham Sports, but unfortunately, did not get a place. One of our team was unable to be present and the Reserve, though he ran gallantly, had to compete at a distance that was not his. With Mr. Gardner's help, we hope other inroads into Sporting Areas will be made with our Relay Team.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
24th May, 1929.

OUR strength to-day is 20 Officers and 548 Other Ranks, and this will be about our final figure for Annual Training this year. In all since 1st January we have raised 160 recruits of good quality, and whilst the abnormal number of discharges has prevented us reaching establishment we feel that 160 recruits is no mean effort for one season.

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Our situation in Camp this year will be that in the 3 Rifle Companies going to the training areas at least 50 % of the men will be 1929 recruits and that of the rifle sections of Platoons the section leaders only will have had previous experience in Camp. All men with previous training will have been absorbed into H.Q. Wing, M.G. Company and into Lewis Gun sections. This training will therefore be, to a great measure, a nursery training and the natural desire to start this training where we left off at Marske, in 1928, has to be adopted to meet the needs of the untrained material in our ranks.

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With great regret we have to record the loss this week, of two of our best and most valued N.C.O.'s: No. 4264091 Cpl. D. S. Burry, of "D" Company, died suddenly at Berwick, on Friday, 10th May, whilst preparing his equipment for a week-end exercise at Alnwick on the following day.

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No. 4257869 Sjt. W. Kay, who attended the exercise and was one of the best turned out N.C.O.'s on the Sunday parade, was killed by a fall of stone in the mine on the following day, Monday, 13th May, 1929.

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Sjt. Kay had served with the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia, and many of us knew him intimately. Only two years ago at Ripon, he gained the commendation of the Divisional Commander and the Certificate of the Royal Humane Society for risking his life in an endeavour to save Simpson, of "D" Company, from drowning, in the River Ure.

THE CHIPCHASE CHALLENGE CUP, 1929.

Team.— Fus. J. Copeland. Fus. R. Hunter. Fus. J. Whellens.
R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M. Fus. H. P. Mills.
Capt. and Adjt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C. 2nd-Lieut. R. J. Middlemas.

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Both these N.C.O.'s were of the best type of Territorial soldier. Clean and smart and an example to their Companies, with great personal pride and pride of Regiment. We can ill spare them, and their places will be hard to fill. To their Companies and their relatives we offer our sincerest sympathy.

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The Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., honoured Alnwick and the 7th Battalion on Sunday, 12th May, and at the end of training took the salute as the troops returned to the Drill Hall.

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The pace waxes fast and furious. Sunday Drills and week-day Drills and Brigade Tactical Exercises tumble over each other in this strenuous pre-Camp period. It will be a relief to be at Camp, and to escape from all this soldiering.

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The accompanying photo has had a chequered career. It should have gone in the March No., but did not come to hand in time. It then went astray between the blockmaker and the printers, and arrived at the latter without a block, the mistake only being discovered too late to be rectified in last month's issue. It represents the winners of the Chipchase Challenge Cup, and the names of the team are as shown in the caption.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
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May, 1929.

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The accompanying photo of two old FIFTH Pensioners is an aftermath of St. George's Day, having been received too late for last month's 1st Battalion Notes.

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We reprint the following from the *Morning Post* of 23rd April last :—

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1916.

On St. George's Day, writes a reader from Pontarlier, a Battalion of the famous " Fighting Fifth " were in the trenches, " somewhere in France." No real flowers were obtainable, but as this famous Regiment, whose emblem is the Red Rose of England, and whose patron Saint is St. George, was determined to have their emblem, some coloured tissue paper was secured, and roses were worn in caps and wreaths and festoons decorated quarters—made of paper, by the boys' deft hands.

On " No man's land," between the trenches there stood a Calvary, which friend and foe respected. That night three subalterns crept out in the dark and hung festoons of their flowers over the Calvary. Next day the enemy, enraged, fired on the sacred image.

Nothing daunted, these three lads again crept out at night and retrieved their flowers. Now these wreaths hang on the altar of the chapel of a convent in England.

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Many of our older readers will be glad to hear that an Old Fifth Fusilier, Pte. J. Townsend, was admitted as an in-pensioner to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in March last. His health at present is far from good, but it is hoped that the change and treatment may restore him. Townsend joined the 1st Battalion at Dublin, in 1884, and remained in it until his discharge in Mauritius in 1906. He was one of the twenty specially selected men of the Battalion to form the Section furnished by the Regiment to take part in the Ashantee Expedition in 1896. He also served in the Khartoum Expedition, 1898, and the South African War. On leaving the Colours, Townsend joined the Corps of Commissionaires, and was employed for some twenty years at Messrs. Doxford and Sons, Sunderland. In his time he was a very good runner, and for many years won the Quarter Mile and 100 Yards at various Regimental and Garrison Sports.

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Subscriptions due in June :—

Lt. J. Byrne — Major H. R. Small
Col. J. G. Forsyth

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses,

PAST v. PRESENT.

Left to right—" Chips " Harvey, ex-Bandsman Waters, Sjt. Matthewson, Sjt. Cross.

Photograph by " Leeds Mercury."

having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker — Capt. C. R. L. English
Mrs. Arkwright

Sale and Exchange.

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Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

22nd May, 1929.

First Re-union Dinner.

THE Association's First Re-union Dinner was held in the County Hotel, at 7.30 p.m., on Saturday, 27th April, 1929.

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The following Officers of the Association were present :—Mr. C. Mercer (*Chairman*), Mr. H. Brooks (*Vice-Chairman*), Mr. G. Bennett, Mr. J. Bone, Mr. T. Eltringham, Mr. D. W. Fisk, Mr. E. Mower, Mr. W. J. Young (all Executive Committee), Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench (*Hon. Treasurer*), Mr. C. M. Robinson (*Hon. Secretary*). Mr. J. Pickering was the only member of the Committee unable to be present.

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The Association entertained the following guests :—Alderman R. H. Millican (Deputy Lord Mayor), Councillor A. D. Russell (Chairman, Old Coldstreamers' Association), Councillor T. A. Lowe, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. (Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., and President, Old Coldstreamers' Association), Major O. B. Foster, M.C., Major J. F. Chenevix- Trench, D.S.O., Major H. R. McCullagh, D.S.O. (D.L.I.), Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. J. M. Bett, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., Captain Rogers, and Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt.

The Association were also very pleased to see the following, who are still serving, present :—Capt. W. H. Braddell, R.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M., R.Q.M.S. Willson, Q.M.S. Wardle, Sjt. Marrs, Sjt. T. Hunter, Fus. J. Charlton (all Depôt), Mr. J. R. Boon, Q.M.S. Marshall (D.L.I.), Sjt. Robinson (Secretary, Old Coldstreamers' Association), and some 21 members of the Old Coldstreamers' Association.

In all ninety-eight persons sat down to dinner. The following Old Comrades were present :—Messrs. W. Armstrong, G. Atkins, W. Bone, C. Bowden, J. Byrne, J. G. Carter, A. Carter, W. C. Carter, C. Chapman, T. Corneliuss, R. Forrest, T. Gray, G. F. Harrison, W. Hunt, R. Joslin, G. Kirton, A. Nesbitt, J. Oates, G. Prophet, L. Purcell, J. Ridgway, H. S. Slater, T. Slater, R. Stokes, J. Thompson, T. Wilkinson, R. Wood, L. Stuart, and C. Wye.

The Hon. Treasurer took the chair. The toasts were as follows :—

"THE KING."

Proposer .. .. The Chairman

One minute silence in memory of fallen comrades.

OLD COMRADES (LONDON AREA).

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"THE OLD AND BOLD."

Proposer .. .. .. Councillor A. D. Russell

Responder .. .. .. Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.

"OUR CIVIC AUTHORITIES."

Proposer .. .. .. Major O. B. Foster, M.C.

Responder .. .. .. Alderman R. H. Millican

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"THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION."

"THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS."

Proposer .. .. .. Councillor T. A. Lowe
Responder .. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

"THE OLD COLDSTREAMERS."

Proposer .. .. Major H. R. McCullagh, D.S.O.
Responder .. Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.

OLD COMRADES (LONDON AREA).

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Interspersed between the toasts the following turns were rendered :—

Song .. .. Captain Rogers
Northumbrian Pipes .. .. .. Mr. Byrne
Song .. .. Mr. Montgomery
Song .. .. Mr. Sheridan
Recitation .. .. Sjt. Biddell
Song .. .. Mr. Vincent
Song .. .. Mr. Weatheritt
Tyneside Comedian .. .. Mr. Harry Harvey

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As our first effort the Dinner proved to be a great success.

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In Brief.

We have at present a membership of 246.

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The balance credit of the Association's Fund is at present £38 18s. 4d. (Cash and Bank).

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We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £1 from Capt. M. Blackett-Ord, and an annual Banker's Order for the same amount.

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The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following donations towards the expense of the Dinner :—Capt. R. Trenam, 11s. ; Capt. W. H. Braddell, £1 ; and Councillor Lowe, £1.

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We were very pleased to receive a telegram of "Greetings" from the 2nd Battalion on the occasion of our first Re-union Dinner.

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We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Colonel Herbert and all ranks of the 1st Battalion for their very kind hospitality on the occasion of our visit to York, St. George's Day. Amongst those who visited York were :—Messrs. G. Atkins, S. Ambury, H. Brooks, J. Bone, D. Byron, W. Beecham, A. Carter, J. Carter, G. Curton, D. W. Fisk, W. Irving, A. McMullen, H. Patterson, J. Ridgway, C. M. Robinson, J. Tindle, and T. Wilkinson. A most enjoyable day was spent, and those of us who were able to remain attended the St. George's Ball, which proved to be a most gorgeous affair.

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The Sunderland Sub-Branch held a meeting at the George and Dragon Hotel, Sunderland, on 15th May.

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A very successful meeting was held at St. George's Drill Hall on 8th May. About 200 members were present, and thoroughly enjoyed an entertainment given by a concert party.

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London Branch.

Wreath Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

In accordance with our custom of laying a wreath on the Cenotaph each year in memory of those of the Regiment who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War, arrangements were made for this to be carried out on Sunday, the 21st April, 1929, this being the nearest Sunday to St. George's Day.

Some 200 members paraded on the Horse Guards Parade at 12 noon, amongst whom were :—Brigadier-General W. N. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.; Colonel E. S. Heard, Col. J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.; Lt.-Col. J. C. Turner, Major W. N. Allan, O.B.E., Capt. J. Laing, Capt. J. T. Rowland, Lieut. W. H. Matthews. A good number of familiar faces were missing, due to their having gone to visit the 1st Battalion at York.

The parade having been formed up by Mr. Geo. Redhead was handed over to the Officer-in-charge, Col. E. S. Heard, and was subsequently moved off to the Cenotaph, headed by Association Flag in charge of an escort consisting of Lieut. W. H. Matthews, Capt. J. T. Rowland, Mr. R. Ahronson, Mr. J. Weston Mr. J. G. Walker.

PARADE ON THE HORSE GUARDS.

(*Photo by Mr. H. I. Morgan.*)

This was the first time the Flag had been displayed, and it was very much appreciated. Also a wreath of red and white roses was carried at the head of the Standard.

Col. E. S. Heard, with a few well chosen words, then placed the wreath on the Cenotaph, on behalf of the Association.

Following the Wreath Ceremony, a good number rendezvoused at the Headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, permission for which had been very kindly given by the Commandant, to whom we express many thanks, because as we have no permanent home in London it enables us to spend a convivial couple of hours talking about the days when we used to grouse.

Photographs of the Wreath Ceremony were taken by the *Daily Mirror* and the *Daily Sketch*, and were ultimately published in the Northern editions. Copies can be obtained through Hon. Secretary, at 2/6 each.

It would appear that we have some good friends who are connected with the news world, which means a good step towards the furthering of the Association.

St. George's Day Celebrations.

A Ball was held at the Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, when all records were broken respecting the attendance, there being some 350 present, but as at the Cenotaph Ceremony, there were quite a number of familiar faces missing. We were, however, pleased to see Brigadier-General E. Norton, C.B.E., Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Major B. P. Creswell Hobbs, Capt. J. Laing, Capt. J. S. Rowland, Lieut. E. J. Halliday amongst us; also Mr. S. McClements, who joined the FIFTH in 1867—discharged 1890.

The Hall was tastefully decorated with the Union Jack, St. George's Flag, and Association Flags, also the Regimental Honours. Red and white roses were very much in evidence, the sale of which was organised by Mrs. H. I. Morgan, assisted by Mrs. P. Maydon and Miss V. Ahronson, whose services were greatly appreciated.

An excellent musical programme was furnished by the Orchestra of the 17th Lancers, and was ably conducted by Band-Serjeant J. Wood, who remembered many of us when soldiering on the Indian Frontier during the time the 1st Battalion were there.

Prior to the commencement of the Dance programme, the Regimental March Past was carried out, headed by the Association Flag, which was carried by Master W. Ahronson, who was dressed in the uniform of the Boy Scouts, this being the nearest representation we could have to the Drummer Boy, as done in the Regiment.

Cables and wires were received from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, also the Regimental Depôt and St. George's Society, expressing best wishes.

The Spot Prizes, which were given, were presented to the lucky winners by our Vice-President, Mr. Geo. Redhead.

We have to thank our two M.C.'s, namely Mr. W. H. Matthews and Mr. J. Weston, for the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties.

Dancing was kept up until a very late hour, despite the fact the Commissariat Department had to be closed, due to the FIFTH having shown its abilities of consumption, until all was sold.

Arrangements have been made to hold our next St. George's Ball at the same rendezvous, also the same Orchestra has been engaged.

General Notes.

Membership.—We are very pleased to state that some 20 new nembers have been enrolled since the last General Meeting held on 30th January, 1929, amongst whom are a good number of those who have just left the serving Battalions. This is very encouraging indeed; as this is the avenue we have to look to for recruits, and who will also carry on the Association in later years.

Unemployment.—It is regretted that the response to my appeal on behalf of our unemployed has been very poor indeed, and it is hoped that members will make every effort to assist me in solving this great problem.

General Meeting—Social Dance.—Our next General Meeting will be held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 3rd July, when it is hoped members will do their utmost to attend,

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A splendid programme has been arranged, and we are assured of a very pleasant evening.

Yours faithfully,
H. I. MORGAN.

THE LATE W. LEES.

The above photo of our late Vice-President, W. Lees, Esq., is published herewith. It is regretted that this was not to hand when notification of his death was made in the *St. George's Gazette*.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

DURING the past two months 326 soldiers completed courses of training at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon Vocational Training Centres, and of this number 238 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. The majority took up carpentry, bricklaying, plastering, painting and plumbing, general and dairy farming, private service and positions of trust.

Foxhunters All.

(The End of the Season.)

Gone is the smell of a good scentin' morn,
And the sound of the horn on the breeze ;
The strings from each " topper," each crops' lash is gone,
With the leaves showin' green on the trees!

Gone are the tales at the end of the day,
Of each run, and each check, and each kill ;
Yet none but the Foxhunter holds such a sway,
When he starts his third glass to re-fill!

Gone is the glint of the eye from the chase,
As the horses from loose-box and stall ;
We'll hail the first frost that puts dahlias at waste
Here's sport to you Foxhunters all!

Tho' long seems the summer, with drear weeks ahead,
Still we know that a bright day is dawning ;
Like John Peel of old, each shall rouse from his bed
With the sound of the horn to him calling!

When September, her glory of gold red and brown
As a mantle around us is spreading,
The sigh of each leaf as it falls to the ground
Spells the start of the season's beginning!

And the cub from his lair comes a-creepin' at dawn,
With no thought of the wood, soon surrounded ;
While we, at the covert side, hark to the horn—
Sweetest music that ever was sounded!

So here's to " Past season "! good Foxhunters all ;
To the season that's not yet begun!
With never a lame horse, and never a fall,
From each find to the end of each run!

" BYSTANDER."

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

INSTITUTED 1904.

For a quarter of a century the Society has been instrumental in gladdening the hearts of needy ex-Fifth Fusiliers. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the good work.

Any sum, large or small, also cast-off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by—

The Secretary,
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A Few Notes on the Work of the Empire Marketing Board and on the need to "Buy Imperially."

FROM time to time there have appeared, in the advertisement columns of the *St. George's Gazette*, appeals to its readers to buy some article or another on the grounds that it is British made. That this is a particularly sound recommendation of the article concerned cannot be disputed. Indeed we can carry the logical argument further, and say "Buy Imperially" goods grown in our own Colonial Empire, rather than goods grown in foreign lands. The Empire Marketing Board is employed in helping Empire producers to find markets for their goods, and the following few notes on some of its activities are of great interest and worth reading.

Since the Great War circumstances have tended to place stress rather upon the centrifugal tendencies in Empire relations, the outstanding feature in this connection being the Declaration of the Imperial Conference in 1926, that "the group of self-governing committees composed of Great Britain and the Dominions are autonomous committees within the British Empire; equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown and freely associated as members of the British commonwealth of nations."

This declaration has been followed by definite and visible signs of a new conception of Empire, of which one of the most important and recent is the appointment of the High Commissioner in Canada for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This appointment partakes almost of the nature associated with an ambassadorial appointment to a foreign country and coupled with other functions has tended to emphasise the growing independence of the great Dominions. While the centrifugal tendency to which I referred has come prominently into notice since the war, there has been developing side by side with it a spirit of co-operation between the various parts of the Empire which has not been so noticeably brought to the attention of the public. Bodies have been set up for common purposes representative of the Mother Country, of the Dominions and of the Colonies, and instances of such co-operation to the better development of the family estate are to be found in the appointment of the Imperial Shipping Committee, the Imperial Economic Committee, and of the Empire Marketing Board. The Imperial Economic Committee has been engaged on a general survey of the resources of the Empire, with a view to their better exploitation, not only in the interests of Great Britain, but of the Empire as a whole. The recommendations of that Committee led to the establishment of the Empire Marketing Board, whose primary function is to promote the movement for the furtherance of Empire trade.

We would like first of all to draw your attention to the large part which trade has played in Empire development. Early exploration was largely actuated by trade pressure. When Columbus and explorers of his generation sailed westward and discovered America, the motive of their voyage was not the discovery of the New World, of whose existence they were ignorant, but an endeavour to discover a more rapid and a cheaper means of bringing from the East those spices and condiments, which alone made the salt beef, on which the nation largely fed in winter, more palatable.

Again, they were grocers who subscribed £72,000 and founded the East India Company. The motive here was purely a trade motive. The Dutch, who had been the first to develop an East Indian trade, had more or less cornered the supplies of pepper, of which they raised the price from 2s. 8d. to 8s. a lb. The British grocers who subscribed to the founding of the East India Company were actuated by a desire to reduce the price of pepper and, in fact, brought it down to 2s. a lb. They little foresaw when they subscribed the capital that they would shortly be responsible for maintaining a standing army and for laying the foundations of our great Empire in India.

The early influence in Empire development was almost continually mercantile in character. Bacon in 1597, in his essay "On Plantations," as the Colonies were called at that time, summed up the attitude of his era thus:—"Planting of countries is like the planting of woods; for you must make account to leese (lose) almost twenty years' profit and expect your recompense in the end." He rightly emphasised the current tendency to regard colonial development merely as a source of gain for the Mother Country. The oversea possessions and their peoples were exploited in the interests of home trade, as the Navigation Acts, of which we used to be told at school, clearly evidenced. This attempt to treat the problem in an entirely one-sided fashion led to the loss of part of our American possessions. There succeeded the policy of "laissez faire" until a further change in opinion gave birth to an entirely different imperial concept of which the late Joseph Chamberlain was the mouthpiece.

It has often been said that trade follows the flag, but in many instances it has been the flag which has followed trade. Since the war, the attitude of the British peoples in regard to the Empire has changed fundamentally, as it has in regard to many other matters, and if we have been characterised a century or more ago as a nation of shopkeepers, to-day we are asking ourselves why we should not make a business proposition of the Empire. Here, indeed, I think lies the market of the future, rather to be found in trade associations and in the mutual development of the common estate for the benefit of the whole than in any other line of development.

The work of the Empire Marketing Board is unique, and the problem before it is novel. Take, in the first instance, advertising, not because it is necessarily the most important, but since it begins with "A." The advertising problem in itself has difficulties which perhaps are not apparent to the man in the street, who may feel disposed to criticise a lack of commercial "push," but the problem is not the simple one of that of a manufacturer who desires to advertise a single product, and who can use the simple slogan "Buy So-and-So's . . .," knowing when he does so that he has a factory behind him of which the output is ascertained before his campaign is launched. He studies his market, and, knowing the persons who will buy his produce, he can use such publicity media as most appeal to the particular class to which he is addressing himself. The Empire Marketing Board is advertising not one article, but hundreds. The whole produce of the Empire, and more than that, the conception behind the Empire. If it *could* launch a campaign to-morrow which would be 100% effective in its appeal to buy Empire goods, it would be wrong to do so, because the Empire cannot yet produce for us the whole quantity of our requirements, and an effective drive would result in people going to the shops to buy Empire produce and finding either that they could not get them or that the price had risen excessively as the result of the demand. No greater disservice to Empire trade could be done than this. Therefore, all the time the Board has to keep its eye on the gradual march of production, that its stimulation to public demand may tread in step with the increase in supplies. Further, while the manu-

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facturer that I cited before can study his market, knowing that he appeals to a particular class, the whole population of these Isles is our market, and our methods of publicity must be diverse in order to appeal to all of these.

A second activity is the Board's economic work. Here, while the Board cannot make quite the same investigations that a manufacturer can make in regard to his products, they are doing something of definite use to the producer. They conduct from time to time market surveys in respect of various commodities. Take an actual example. They are at the present moment conducting a survey in regard to butter. From that they discover in which parts of the country New Zealand or Australian butter, say, sells freely, and in which parts little of it is bought, but the preference is mainly, say, for Danish or some other foreign butter. Not only this, but they discover the reasons for the preference, whether people buy a particular butter because of its taste, its colour, its reputation, or from old associations, or because of the accumulated goodwill attaching to it, or again because they live in the vicinity of a port from which supplies are distributed in quantity in the district. The results of these surveys enable the Board to tell the producer where his butter is being sold to most advantage, and what, if anything, he should do to alter his product to secure the market in other parts of the country. This work is of practical value, and is appreciated by the producer overseas.

Thirdly, comes the question of research. Here is perhaps one of the most important fields, and one of the most fascinating. The Board does not itself undertake research work, but by giving grants to existing institutions enables research to be undertaken where otherwise possibly it could not be done. The aim here is to increase production, to improve the quality of the product, and to cheapen the cost of production. Here is a fairy story of which one could talk for hours. One could cite the scientist who, working with a camel hair brush and a pair of scissors pushed the wheat belt of Canada 50 miles further north. One might speak of the developments in flax growing, which are increasing production and will, we hope, so reduce the cost that the article produced at home or in Northern Ireland or in Canada or South Africa will compete successfully in our markets with the supplies that now come largely from the Baltic. We have all heard of the rabbit in Australia, but he is not the only little pest that has been taken from our shores. Someone took the blackberry to New Zealand, and it has grown and grown and grown, until hundreds of acres are being held up by one enormous blackberry bush. There is a scientist working on that problem too. Again, where apples or pears and other fruit trees have been taken out to the Dominions and Colonies where they did not naturally grow, the pest that feeds upon and destroys the fruit was sometimes unwillingly taken with them. In its new clime the pest may die through altered climatic conditions or may thrive the better because there is no other parasite that attacks it, and those that waged war upon it in the old country are not there to do so. Thus, the old story of "fleas have other fleas upon their backs to bite 'em," no longer holds good and we must supply the deficiency. So at Farnham Royal, at the present time, there are being bred, carnivorous parasites to be sent throughout the Empire as sort of storm troops to attack the parasites that prey upon the crops, and in this connection it is well to remember that insects pest are more voracious tax collectors than the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for every year they consume 10 % of the world's crops.

Lastly, we come to the reason behind this Empire work. To-day, though 25 % of the population of the world is under the British flag, 45 % of our exports are sold to countries within the Empire. They are our best customers. New Zealand, for instance, spends £14 10s. per head of population on buying goods from us. You may hear criticism of the tariffs of some of our Dominions, but it is well to remember that with the exception of India every Dominion gives a substantial preference to this country in its tariff rates. They are at the moment our best customers and they may become more so, for as their undeveloped territories are exploited the need for further supplies of machinery and manufactured goods must grow. Here, then, may we draw your attention to another factor in Empire trade. Our own figures of imports and exports do not balance because of our invisible exports :— the interest on capital invested abroad, the profit upon our shipping trade and so forth. But in the case of new countries such as Australia, there are no profits on investments held abroad, there are no profits on shipping to foreign countries and consequently their import and export figures tend to balance, and you find, as happened recently, Australia buying £62,000,000 worth of goods from this country, while, in the same year, we bought £62,000,000 worth of Australian produce. Australia can only buy from us in so far as she can sell her produce. We feel that this work upon which we are engaged is going to be the great tie and link of the Empire for the future, and further, we believe that it is going to benefit the Mother Country no less than the Dominions and Colonies. For not only will it stimulate a reciprocal demand for our exports, but in so far as the supplying of those demands means the development of further lands abroad, so it means the development of primary production in the oversea parts of the Empire, enabling them to absorb a large number of those in the Old Country who are willing and able to emigrate.

The Empire Marketing Board does not ask the public to pay an exhorbitant price for an inferior article, but merely in its daily purchases to seek, wherever possible, to obtain from Empire sources an alternative to any foreign article that is offered them, provided they can obtain a reasonably equivalent article at a competitive price. This is not a big demand, and we are sure it is a principle which will have your support.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

Hundreds of ex-Fifth Fusiliers, many of them with wives and bairns, are in very poor and distressed circumstances through no fault of their own. Will you, dear reader, help the Committee to help them? Thank you.

Anything in the way of bawbees or old clothing will be gratefully received by

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O. (dated 6th June).

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MEMORANDUM.

Second-Lieut. S. B. Milne, late Service Battalions, North'd. Fus., relinquishes the rank of 2nd-Lieutenant on enlistment in the ranks of the Supp. Res. (dated 8th May).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—P. Cruddas (late Cadet, Sherborne School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 1st June).

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. R. V. Casebourne resigns his commission (dated 1st June).

6th/7th Bn. Black Watch.—Lieut. N. R. Giles, from 5th Bn. North'd. Fus., to be Lieutenant (dated 16th May).

6th Bn.—Lieut. C. B. Gillespie resigns his commission (dated 1st March).

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. J. F. Simpson to be Lieutenant (dated 12th May); 2nd-Lieut' W. S. Anderson to be Lieutenant (dated 5th June, 1929); 2nd-Lieut. J. Fawcus to be Lieutenant (dated 9th June, 1929).

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Ripon,

June, 1929.

FOLLOWING the forecast contained in last month's notes, the Battalion has this month completed a further stage of its Annual Collective Training and is now in the throes of musketry.

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The march to Ripon was completed in two stages, the Battalion halting at Brafferton and spending the night under canvas. The first day's march was 17 miles. Dinners were provided in the middle of the day by the field kitchens. The march started somewhat eventfully as far as the transport was concerned. A number of hired draught horses had arrived in barracks the night before we left. The music and excitement of a Battalion on the march in the Fulford Road next morning were evidently too much for them. One kicked the front out of a Company limber and others vied with each other in attempts to festoon themselves and their limbers round the lamp posts of Fulford. Order was eventually restored, and by the time that they had done a few more hours' soldiering they became a quite well-disciplined lot.

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The second day's march was about 11 miles. Fortunately the weather was good throughout the march, and although we had some sore feet, for which the hot tar-mac roads were partly responsible, the Battalion marched well.

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The first few day's training were devoted to Company schemes, after which we wound up with some Battalion schemes and a final one set by G.O.C., West Riding Area. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, was present at the last one and commented favourably on the work of the Section Leaders.

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Unfortunately the training area was on the small side, and it was not long before we knew every stick and stone on it. In certain aspects, however, it did present one or two interesting features of which the chief were :—(1) The difficulty of organizing communications within the Battalion in mobile warfare in close country. Visual signalling by lamp or any other means was almost impossible. Trained runners proved to be of considerable value. (2) The difficulty of maintaining control of Companies and Platoons in close country unless objectives are strictly limited. (3) The problem of how best to employ 16 machine guns in country affording essentially short ranges but good cover. (It is perhaps as well to mention at once that these notes are written in a severely military bell tent. Hence the heavy soldiering as the atmosphere is not conducive to any form of writing).

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We were lucky to have our Camp very close to the training area, so that time, which might otherwise have been spent in marching to and from the area, was available in the afternoons for tattoo rehearsals. The Battalion is providing 300 men for two separate items in the tattoo, one a P.T. Show, and the other described in the programme as Torchlight "Evolutions and Revolutions."

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A great deal of work is involved in the preparation of these two items, and Col. Garnier and Messrs. Yorke, Speer, Hobbs and Threlfall have been very busy men.

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On Friday, the 14th, the Battalion marched out of Ripon, halted again at Brafferton 11 miles away, and the following day completed the remaining 17 or 18 miles to Strensall, where it is again under canvas. The Annual Musketry Course is being fired, and in spare time tattoo rehearsals continue. The Tattoo takes place on 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th July and afterwards goes on to Doncaster. The Athletics Team is finding time to train, and the Northern Command Athletic Team Championship takes place on 26th and 27th June at Fulford Barracks.

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For two days before leaving Ripon we were very glad to have the opportunity of putting up the Advance Parties of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, the Units themselves arriving two days after the Battalion marched out.

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Advantage has this year been taken of the proximity of the 1st Battalion, and the following Officers are in camp with the Territorial Brigade :—Major Foster, Chief Umpire; Capt. Buckley, B.M.G.O.; Capt. Pemberton, Brigade Major; Capt. Gatehouse, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Laing, Mr. Sperling, Umpires.

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The following Officers from the Depôt are also present with the Territorial Brigade :—Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Staff Capt.; Mr. Stockley, Training Cadre.

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They are all thoroughly enjoying being in Camp with the T.A. Units of the Regiment, and we only hope that the Units are deriving as much benefit from their presence as they themselves are getting through being with them and seeing them at work.

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Everyone will sympathise with Mrs. Herbert, who has recently had to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and it is good news to hear that she is progressing quite satisfactorily. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her out and about again soon.

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Lce.-Cpl. Stockton is to be congratulated on having been selected to represent the Army of the North in a Boxing Match against the Scottish Amateurs. In a six-round contest against the Scottish Middleweight Champion he was beaten on points after a good fight.

Battalion Athletic Sports.

The first meeting of Athletic Teams from Regiments in the Northern Command took place on the Garrison Ground at York, on the 26th and 27th June. The Regiment was again successful with a lead of 19½ points from their nearest rivals—the Training Bn. Royal Corps of Signals.

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A copy of the score board is shown below. Fourteen events were contested. Several new Field events being introduced for the first time, such as the Javelin, and Discus. Out of a possible 70 points in the Track races we scored 56 points, and in the Field Events lost only 3 points. Collecting 32 out of a possible 35.

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The Team is competing at Aldershot in the Army Sports on 11th, 12th and 13th July, and we hope that their recent success will give them the necessary confidence to produce that extra bit which will be required to make our presence felt at the Army Meeting.

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The whole team are to be congratulated on their performance, and if we did not win every event we made our opponents go all out to beat us.

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Lce.-Cpl. Latimer, who has done us noble service in the past (he won the 3 Miles and Mile as well as the Cross-Country nearly every year when the Regiment was stationed in Ireland), has been suffering from internal trouble for the last six months. On Wednesday he ran in the 3 Miles and though terribly distressed at the half distance managed to finish well up and enabled us to win the event. He showed a wonderful example of running himself to a standstill, which was fully appreciated and followed up by the other members of the team.

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Other outstanding individuals deserve a few words of praise —Cpl. Bellwood, "W" Coy. A greatly improved runner, had a terrible hard meeting, running extremely well over the ½ Mile and 3 Miles.

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2nd-Lieut. Threlfall—For a very fine Half-Mile and a good Mile not long after.

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Cpl. Shields.—1st String over 100 and 200 for a magnificient quarter, not his proper distance, which robbed us of victory in the 100 and 200 Relays. He was a tired man after this great effort.

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Fus. Sherburn.—For a great all-round display (10 ft., 3 ins. Pole), (over 20 ft. Long Jump), (100 Yards), (120 yards Hurdles.)

Fus. Dobie.—For a very sound performance in his first competition, 3 throws of over 100 ft. in Throwing the Hammer.

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Previous members of the "Flying Four" will be pleased to hear that we won the Hurdles quite comfortably, but the oldest member's form was too bad to be true.

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We take this opportunity of welcoming the new talent to the Team, and some of the older hands look forward to an early retirement.

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Units Competing.	EVENTS.															Total
	440 Yards Relay	880 Yards Relay	1 Mile Relay	2 Miles Relay	480 Yards Hurdles Relay	1 Mile Team Race	3 Miles Team Race.	High Jump	Long Jump	Putting the Weight	Pole Jump.	Throwing the Javelin	Throwing the Discus	Throwing the Hammer		
1st Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers	8	8	6	10	10	4	10	3	5	5	4	5	5	5		88
2nd Bn. The King's Regt.	2	—	—	2	6	6	6	½	—	3	2	1	—	—		28½
1st Bn. The Green Howards	6	2	—	—	2	2	—	5	4	2	1	—	1	2		27
1st Bn. The East Surrey Regt.	—	—	2	—	—	10	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	3		22
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.	4	10	8	6	8	—	2	4	1	—	—	2	—	4		49
1st Bn. The Cameronians	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—		2
Depôt Bn. R.C. of Signals	—	4	—	4	—	—	4	2	2	—	3	4	3	—		26
Training Bn. R.C. Signals	10	6	10	8	4	8	8	½	3	1	5	—	4	1		68½
55th Field Coy. R.E.'s	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—
Depôt The East Yorkshire Regt.	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		4

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Gymkhana.

While we were at Ripon we had forty-five horses or mules in the lines and it seemed a shame to miss the opportunity of having a gymkhana, so everything was prepared for Thursday evening, the 13th. Perhaps it was our fault for choosing the 13th of the month, but we decided the weather was good enough to start, and half-an-hour later it began to rain as heavily as it could and continued to do so for the rest of the evening. However, we persevered, and thoroughly enjoyed it in spite of the weather.

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The most popular event was the wrestling on horseback, on heavy draught horses which did not know the game, ridden bare-back.

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The Officers' Obstacle Race consisted in fording the river, or swimming it in one case, picking up a potato off the ground and putting it in a basket and removing the saddle and finishing bare-back.

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The V.C. Race did not provide as good a finish as might have been expected. Only two horses could be persuaded by their riders, and the crowd, to go in the direction of the finish instead of towards the transport lines.

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The programme had to be cut short on account of the weather.

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The results were :—

Boot and Saddle Race for Grooms.—Fus. Riley ("Y" Coy.).

Inter-Company Wrestling.—"X" Company (Cpls. Tailford and Taylor, Lce.-Cpls. Hodgson, McDonough and Suiton, Fus. Cheal.).

Officers' Obstacle Race.—2nd-Lieut. Enderby.

H.Q. Wing Relay Race.—

Company Commander to ride (Capt. Sutherland).
C.S.M. to run (C.S.M. Clark).
C.Q.M.S. in sack (C.Q.M.S. Bramley).
Runner on bicycle (Fus. Richardson).

Serjeants' Mess.

June, 1929.

It is with varied feelings that the contributor attempts to write these notes, in case those mentioned should not be mentioned, and those not mentioned should be.

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The Musketry Season is now in full swing, and everyone is working hard at various jobs.

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In the meantime rehearsals for the Military Tattoo are going apace, and most of the members are taking part in some capacity or other.

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Company-Serjeant-Majors go to bed at night and indulge in dreams which are a mixture of "Parade States," "Nos. for Church," Firing Point and Butt Registers, Third Class Shots and Groups. In fact, the great point at present is this :—If one is an instructor in "Q" Group warned to instruct Class "E," who are firing Table "A," Part VII., on "B" range with a Mk. III. Rifle, using Mk. VII. ammunition and is also attached to Group "S," what time are meals ?

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Still, everything goes on quite merrily, and everyone does everything but what one should do.

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Sjt. Cogan has grabbed a special appointment as trainer to the Battalion Athletic Team.

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Every morn, at 9.30, he indulges in his posture of muscle-rubbing with priceless oils.

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He very nicely escapes the "Tattoo toils," and then, to cap all, calmly enquires : "Why can't I have a half-price ticket ?"

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The air, the ozone, the general atmosphere in fact, is working wonders. The R.S.M. and "Y" Company's C.Q.M.S. gaily dance and jump and pace down hills when they want to go for a walk. They then murmur gently : "Yes, M'Lad, 1904 *I* first did that!

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The delightful part of this affair is that we have an extremely comfortable Mess here, considering the circumstances. The caterer supplies musical meals, and one can leave behind thoughts of wide-open ranges and just talk "MUSKETRY."

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Still, nothing can impede the progress of the Tattoo.

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During the month Sjt. Peppiatt escorted a draft from the Depôt, but we were not able to see him at all.

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Sjt. Croft has returned from the School of Education.

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We are also going to lose two members before these notes are printed.

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Sjt. Kirby is going on a Vocational Course of Upholstery, so we will no doubt see him again before he leaves us finally.

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The other is Sjt. Humphries, who takes his discharge on 6th July.

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Sjt. Humphries enlisted on 6th February, 1905, at Wrexham, in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, transferred to R.A.S.C. in August of the same year ; he then transferred to the 5th Fusiliers in October, 1924, and took over the duties of Transport Serjeant. In connection with these duties it may be safely said that they were carried out in a most excellent manner. He at all times paid the most strict attention to his work, with excellent results.

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At all inspections he earned for his Regiment a very high recommendation for smartness and cleanliness.

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His going, after completing 24 years and 7 weeks' service, will be a loss to the Mess in many ways.

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We wish both he and Mrs. Humphries the very best of luck.

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During the month we have been visited by the following :— A/R.S.M. Dipper, C.S.M. Ratliff and Sjt. Greaves, 7th Bn. P.S. ; also ex-C.S.M. Watson.

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We were very pleased to see them all looking so well, and hope to have the honour of many more visits from them, also any other old friends who may find themselves near at hand.

Corporals' Club.

25th June, 1929.

We are now at Strensall, after a happy, if wet, fortnight at Ripon.

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The firing of the Annual Musketry Course is now in full swing, and no-one seems to be troubling about " The Rodeo." One man was heard to tell a squad of Table " A " to pray violently in their spare moments.

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The fold congratulate Lce.-Cpl. Baker on his marriage, and Cpl. Young on the birth of a son.

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We are sorry to lose Cpl. Rhodes, who has left us for civilian life, and we wish him every success in his new rôle.

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Our congratulations are extended to Lce.-Sjt. Fotherby on his promotion to that rank, and we welcome the following to the fold :—Lce.-Cpls. Ainslie, Rogers, Adlard, Crowdy, Metherill, Mullen, Brown, Cooper, Davison, Kelly, Halleth, McTeer, Coleman, Hughes, Morley, Bishop, Dalton, Hampson, Ryder.

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We congratulate Lce.-Cpls. Murphy, Dryden, Usher, McHale, Thompson, Adlard, Wilson (06), Ward, Smith, Wilson (65), and Henderson in passing Subject F.

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Correspondents are asked to assist punotual publioation by getting their Notes in time to reaoh the Editor by the 25th of eaoh month.

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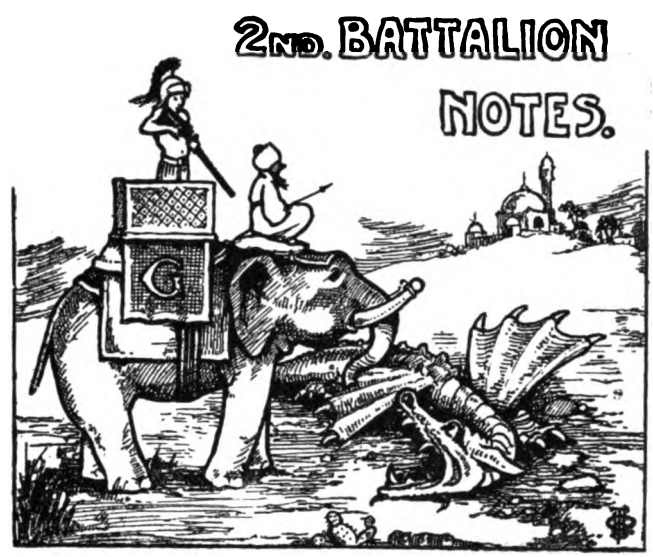

Lahore,

May, 1929.

LAHORE may have its advantages in the Winter season—polo, racing, tennis, cricket, and many other attractions —but with the advent of the hot weather comes a general exodus to the Hills and a staleness which is broken only by life as each one makes it within his own little sphere.

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We find the Officers specialising in Association football, followed by a display of aquatic evolutions in a reserved bath ; the Sergeants take to impromptu Tennis " At Homes " and midnight bathing in the irrigation canals ; and the Fusiliers challenge all and sundry at anything from developing a rapid thirst to a quick turn-out for a seasonable fire alarm.

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The Detachment consists of Machine Gunners and Signallers undergoing Individual Training, innumerable Garrison Employ, and a balance of some 20 riflemen for duties. The result is that after finding Guards, etc., one is left with the ironical numbers as under for parade :—1 Man and 1 Dry Scrubber.

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Lahore has been registering a temperature of 110 to 115 degrees, and with scorching hot winds the effect has been anything but pleasant. At six o'clock in the evening "Old King Sol " is still bearing down upon us heavily and games cannot commence until well after this hour.

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Nevertheless we have managed to get in a number of matches, from which, not even the urgent call of a fire alarm could persuade us to desist.

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It is worthy of recording that the Detachment turned out to assist in extinguishing a fire which broke out in the Medical Store Depôt on the 18th May, and were actually reported by the authorities to have been on the scene of the fire within three minutes of the alarm sounding. There is no doubt that our timely arrival and the great keenness and spirit displayed by our Fusiliers, helped to keep the fire confined to the one

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building. Fus. Davies, of "B" Company, and Fus. Rollo, of "C" Company, proved themselves great exponents in the handling of a fire hose and with the assistance of a scantily clad body of enthusiasts, who had been rushed from the football field armed with picks, hooks, etc., they made light work of the burning rafters and fallen debris. The following is an extract from a letter addressed to the Commanding Officer from the Officer i/c Medical Store Depôt :—"I have the honour to express my thanks to you for the prompt and energetic assistance rendered by your Regiment in extinguishing a fire which occurred in this Depôt on Saturday evening last (18th May). By their action not only was control over the fire quickly established but damage to other buildings and stores was prevented."

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The Detachment Hockey Team, which was left to deputise for the Battalion side in the Hadow Shield Tournament, won their first game against Lahore Sports, "B" Company defeating them by 3—1 on the Moghulpura Institute Ground; but in the second game we were defeated 6—1 by Government College Remnants—a red-hot side whose stick work was amazing.

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On the same day as we played the Remnants in the Hadow Shield Match we sent a second XI. down to play the Lahore Gymkhana, and suffered defeat by 3—0.

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We came much more into our own, however, when we played the 1/12th Frontier Force Regt. on the F.F. Ground and forced a draw of 4 goals each.

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At football we have been much more successful. A team from the Details and Attached Section combined, styling themselves "Grace and Beauty," and in which were included several hitherto "unknowns," including a goalkeeper whose versatility enabled the Indian Regt. to score their only goal, defeated the 1/12th Regt. by 3 goals to 1. Undismayed by the call of the "Fire Alarm" at half time, they proceeded with the game, and in the absence of encouragement from the line after the call, our team excelled and scoring a couple of goals won convincingly.

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Our next game was the Officers of the 5th Fusiliers and the 1/12th F.F. Regt. against the Rest of the 1/12th F.F. Regt.

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Mr. Tarleton is to be sympathised with on failing to register the winning goal presented to him in the form of a real sitter. To actually have the ball on the goal line and then to find it suddenly disappear and again reappear at the corner flag is a mystery which has as yet not been solved by this great player.

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Of the other games the Machine Gunners defeated the Tank Corps by 3—2, but the tables were reversed when they met at hockey and the Tanks won 3—2.

Serjeants' Mess.

(SENT BY AIR MAIL.)

Nature was kind to us on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colour on St. George's Day in that she furnished a shower of rain that morning making conditions ideal for those participating in the parade as well as for the spectators.

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The O'Dwyer Sports Ground provided a setting in keeping with the fine spectacle of a renowned Fighting Regiment carrying out the Annual Trooping without a hitch. Every seat was occupied in the Serjeants' enclosure, and on the conclusion of the ceremony our guests repaired to the Mess, and over 200 sat down to a breakfast of traditional excellence. Only those in the know were aware that Sjt. Earle and others had sat up all night cutting up hams and chickens. C.S.M. Dalby was responsible for the very adequate arrangements made to ensure that quality, quantity, and quick service would mark the occasion.

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St. George's Ball was not held on the 23rd, but on the following night. Three tennis courts covered with tightly stretched tarpaulins, a gorgeously decorated dais for the Band occupying the centre, specially erected poles supporting numerous coloured electric bulbs, palms and plants arranged with great taste—such were the results of a week's activities prior to the *Ball.*

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The evening of the 24th found C.S.M. Dalby consumed with anxiety, for about 7.30 p.m. there was every sign of an impending dust storm, but a kindly Clerk of the Weather had ruled otherwise, and the threatened danger passed. By 9 p.m. beautifully gowned ladies and their escorts were arriving, and soon a long queue of cars had formed up outside the Mess.

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Presently, above the sighing of the trees came the tremulous floating melody of a waltz, and the swaying figures gyrating under the twinkling fairy lights presented a spectacle of unrivalled magnificence within the memory of Lahore residents. All our Officers were present, as well as representatives of other Units and the civilian element.

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A sight that impressed our guests was the sentries on guard over the Colours, which were placed with the Regimental Silver Trophies, and Drums tastefully decorated with red and white roses. At midnight, with stately pageantry, the Colours were escorted back to the Officers' Mess.

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The music provided by the Unit's full orchestra must have appealed to the most fastidious exponents of Terpsichore, varying from those throbbing sighing melodies to the modern syncopated jazz.

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It would be an injustice to Sjt. Rutherford to omit giving in full the menu of the supper.

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MENU

Fish Mayonnaise
Cold Chicken and Ham
Fruit Salad
Vanilla Ices
Egg Croutes
Patties and Pastry

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Supper was served in the spacious dining hall under the direct supervision of Sjt. Rutherford, and one could "feed" or rejoice in the titillation of the palate.

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The bar was run by C.Q.M.S. Avison and resulted in a so far unequalled margin of profit, though as a frequent visitor to the bar, I cannot recall detecting any gradual diminution in the percentage of real whisky to the peg. It is certainly true that the local tradesmen did a lively trade in Genasprin the following morning. To run a bar, and please both consumers and auditors is the feat of an "artiste," so Avey we both thank you and congratulate you.

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The general management of St. George's Breakfast and Ball was in the hands of C.S.M. Dalby, and he should be happy in the thought that his tireless energy was only matched by the unparalleled success of both functions.

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His preparations entailed numerous trips into Lahore City on his A.J.S. (minimum speed 40 miles per hour) and gave us cause for alarm at the time, and we are therefore genuinely pleased that he is alive, as posthumous congratulations are somewhat futile.

"MAC."

Depôt.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

June, 1929.

SINCE the last notes were written we have been visited by Capt. Thomas, on leave from the Soudan, and Mr. Casebourne of the 4th Battalion. Capt. Thomas is going to be married on 6th July, and Mr. Casebourne, who completed his initial attachment some six weeks ago, has been forced to resign his Commission on taking up an appointment as a financier in some strange South American Republic.

(*In case the above paragraph should land anyone in a suit for libel, we hastily affirm that we read the words "initial attachment" entirely in their military sense.*—ED., ST. G.G.)

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Our Medical Officer, Major Rose, has left us, he has been succeeded by Major Roche, who has just returned from India.

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On 3rd June, the combined Depôts paraded under Major McCullagh, D.S.O., D.L.I., for the King's Birthday Parade, after which the remainder of the day was observed as a holiday.

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During the month two Squads, January and February, have left to join the 1st Battalion; January Squad, under Sjt. Peppiatt, left on the 11th, and February Squad, under Sjt. Chapman, on the 21st.

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At present we have only one Squad, which is in its fourth week of Training.

This Squad is working on a new programme, which enable the recruit to get more time for games than previously, so we hope to be able to send more good players to the 1st Battalion than previously.

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Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Mr. Stockley are at present at Ripon for the Territorial Annual Camps, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt as Staff Captain and Mr. Stockley with the Training Cadre giving demonstrations in the art of soldiering.

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Major Chenevix-Trench and Capt. Braddell are at present on leave, and Capt. Hogshaw has returned, as also has Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, who put in a fortnight before going to Camp.

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During the month we have played three cricket matches. The first we won against the 68th Depôt. In the next Benwell Reserves were far too good for us, and against the Clifton Club the result was that we lost by 49 runs.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

By permission of the "Evening World."

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Detailed scores appear on following page.

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There was no Inter-Squad or Inter-Depôt Boxing during this quarter as we had so few recruits, two Squads going to York and one being newly formed.

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Life at the Depôt is extremely quiet at the moment, but next week we are whirled into the excitement of the Race Week and the Pitmen's Derby when the Officers of the combined Depôts will be at home at Gosforth Park.

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Museum.

We have to thank Major O. B. Foster, M.C., for his kind presentation of the following :—

1. German Pioneer Serjeant's (Sword Bayonet), 244 Saxon P. Regt., taken by 2nd Battalion at Zonnebeke, Ypres, April, 1915.
2. British Army Musket (Period Crimea).
3. German Aerial Torpedo (Somme, 1916).
4. German Hand Grenade (Somme, 1916).
5. German Rifle Grenade (Somme, 1916).
6. German Crowsfoot for laming horses (Arras, 1917).
7. British Army Bayonet (Period Crimea).
8. German Helmet (Arras, 1917).
9. Rifle captured from Arabs in Arab Rebellion (Iraq, 1920).

Cricket.

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPÔT DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Mr. Brown, b Lees	15
R.Q.M.S. Robson, c Brocklesby, b Fennimore	19
Capt. Yates, c Brocklesby, b Lees	1
Pte. Cowan, c Thornton, b Lees	0
Capt. Cherry, b Lees	0
Sjt. Gordon, b Lees	0
Sjt. Huxford, c Lees, b Mr. Collingwood	2
R.S.M. West, not out	2
Pte. Pope, st Brocklesby, b Collingwood	0
Lce.-Sjt. Thompson, c and b Collingwood	2
Pte. Rigg, c and b Collingwood	2
Extras	5
Total	48

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Lees, c Robson, b Gordon	2
Fus. Cuthbert, b Robson	8
Mr. Collingwood, b Gordon	22
Sjt. Fennimore, b Robson	0
Cpl. Jarmain, b Gordon	20
Mr. Stockley, b Robson	1
Major Chenevix-Trench, run out	0
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Robson	0
Cpl. Thornton, c West, b Robson	0
R.Q.M.S. Willson, not out	5
Fus. Rawle, c Cowan, b Robson	6
Extras	6
Total	70

Won by 22 runs.

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DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* BENWELL 2ND XI.

BENWELL 2ND XI.

Crossland, c Gent, b Collingwood	18
Wilson, c Lees, b Jarmain	0
Turner, run out, b Jarmain	15
Morrell, b Collingwood	9
Boyle, b Lees	45
R. E. Wilson, c Jarmain, b Thornton	8
Ware, b Jarmain	22
Bell, b Jarmain	0
Bulmer, b Jarmain	4
Tindale, c Brocklesby, b Lees	0
Miller, not out	0
Extras	28
Total	149

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Lees, c Turner, b Bulmer	0
Cuthbert, ht wkt., b Ware	12
Mr. Collingwood, c Bell, b Bulmer	0
Sjt. Gent, c Bell, b Bulmer	9
Mr. Stockley, b Bulmer	1
Jarmain, c Bell, b Bulmer	11
Thornton, run out	2
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Bulmer	0
Young, b Bulmer	0
Harnett not out	0
McDonald, b Bulmer	3
Extras	13
Total	51

Lost by 98 runs.

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DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* CLIFTON C.C.

CLIFTON C.C.

Coates, c Brocklesby, b Fennimore	6
Mighall, c Cuthbert, b Fennimore	21
Miller, c Brocklesby, b Fennimore	5
Clampett, b Hogshaw	4
Wardhaugh, b Fennimore	7
Howe, b Hogshaw	1
Shuttleworth, c Barnes, b Hogshaw	11
Rollo, not out	6
Smith, b Hogshaw	1
Bell, run out, b Hogshaw	3
Thompson, b Collingwood	0
Extras	17
Total	82

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Hogshaw, c Clampett, b Coates	1
Mr. Collingwood, b Coates	13
Sjt. Fennimore, c Wardhaugh, b Mighall	0
Cuthbert, b Mighall	0
Thornton, b Mighall	2
R.Q.M.S. Willson, b Coates	0
Barnes, run out	2
Armstrong, b Coates	4
Sjt. Jamieson, not out	2
Hall, b Mighall	0
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Mighall	3
Extras	6
Total	33

Lost by 49 runs.

149th Brigade Camp.

(Through the eyes of a Regular Officer attached.)

ALTHOUGH the four Battalions of the FIFTH which make up the 149th Brigade will doubtless give an account in the *Gazette* of their respective doings in Camp, it is thought that the following notes and impressions of the Brigade as a whole, and as seen by a Regular Officer attached, may be of general interest to many readers. They are written half-way through the second week in Camp.

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First of all, at the beginning of Camp, one cannot help being very struck by the efficiency and rapidity with which the Units settle down on arrival. This is probably largely due

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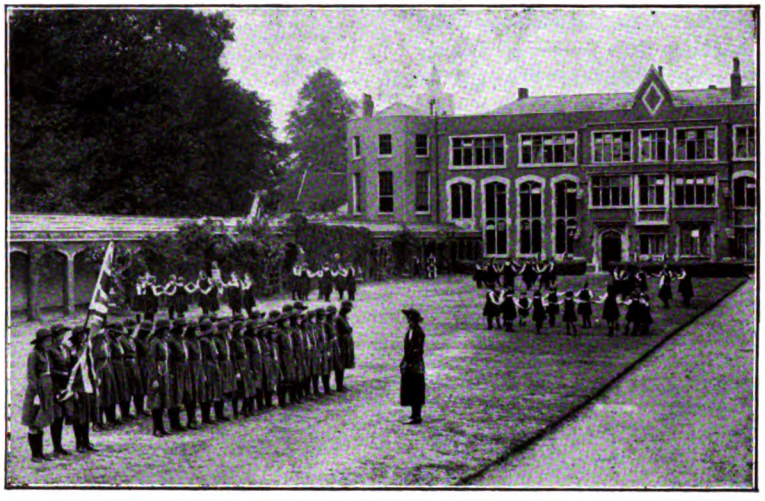

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to the good work put in by the Advance Parties beforehand, but a great contributory factor is the careful working out of every detail beforehand. Few Officers of the Regular Battalions, unless they have actually been attached during Camp, can imagine the amount of work and sport which can be crammed into a fortnight given the necessary organization before the Camp, and enthusiasm during Camp. In both of these, essentials to a successful Camp, the Brigade leaves nothing to be desired, and it is able to go full steam ahead on a carefully prepared and detailed programme from the moment of arrival.

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A feature of this year's Camp is the number of Officers of the 1st Battalion and Depôt Staff who are able to attend—9 in all. These attachments are of the greatest value to the Regiment, not only because they serve to strengthen the bond between the Units of the Regiment as a whole, but on account of the mutual benefit to both sides. If it is a good thing for the T.A. Units to have the services of Regular Officers for purposes of instruction and training, it is equally beneficial to the Regular Officers to attend for in many respects they can learn a great deal from the T.A. Units. They can learn, for example, that it is possible, given the necessary enthusiasm, not only to do a good day's training every day, but in the small space of a fortnight also to play off inter-Company football competitions, Brigade football competition, organize and hold Brigade and Battalion cross-country runs, athletic sports and boxing competitions, produce teams for a horse show with animals they have probably never seen before, survive a General's Inspection, and cover the whole ground of Company and Battalion Training and produce first-rate results in the time—truly a formidable programme when one considers that Battalions only concentrate on the day of the move to Camp.

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But perhaps the chief lesson for the Regular Officer is to be found in the Units' messing arrangements in Camp, which are vastly superior to anything that the Regular Battalion ever does in Camp. True, the Territorial Unit gets more money for messing; it concentrates on its messing arrangements in Camp, whereas the Regular Unit concentrates more on its central organization in barracks. Nevertheless, no Regular Officer could visit the dining tents of any Unit in the Brigade without feeling that with a little trouble and very little extra expense, he could, with benefit, adopt at least some of the Territorial's methods used to ensure comfort and, shall we say, "civilized" messing.

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Only a brief reference can here be made to some of the chief events of a busy fortnight.

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On Sunday, the 23rd, the Brigade paraded for Divine Service at the Cathedral. An impressive service, at which over 1,200 Officers and men were present, was followed by a march past. Battalions marched past the Divisional Commander (Major H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), each Battalion led by its own band and drums. During the service the band of the 6th Battalion played excellently.

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After Church Parade the Brigade Cross-Country Run took place. A field of about 200 started over a course of about 4 miles. Altogether it was a splendid show, and when one remembers that the great majority of the men were hardly trained at all, the form displayed was truly astonishing. Fus. Timney, 5th Battalion, ran an excellent race to come in first closely followed by Sjt. Fife, of the 6th Battalion. The final team placings were:—

1,	6th Battalion	547 points
2,	4th Battalion	624 ,,
3,	5th Battalion	943 ,,
4,	7th Battalion	1,265 ,,

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The 6th Battalion are to be congratulated on retaining the Cross Country Cup, and the 4th Battalion on having given them a good run for their money. After the run, Captain A. Lambert, M.C., Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, made an excellent impromptu speech and presented the Cup to the winners.

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Another fine sporting event was the 6th Battalion Recruits' Boxing Competition. The standard of boxing in this Battalion is very high, and the spirit and cleanness of the fighting was ample evidence that the Battalion's sense of sportsmanship is on the same high plane.

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The Brigade Football Competition is still in progress; the final, between the 4th and 7th Battalions, will be played on the 28th June.

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The Brigade Athletic Sports take place on Thursday, 27th June.

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The Brigade Commander (Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.) has very kindly presented a magnificent trophy (a bronze model of St. George and the Dragon) to the Brigade to be competed for annually by Battalions of the Brigade.

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The rules and conditions for the award of this trophy will be made by the Brigade Commander, but may be varied from year to year. This year it has been decided that the trophy shall be awarded to the Battalion winning the Brigade Sports.

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The Drill and Turn-Out Competition of the 7th Battalion aroused the keenest interest and produced four Platoons of a very high standard. The judges were Lieut.-Colonel Herbert, Mr. Butterfield, and Capt. Pemberton, all of the 1st Battalion, and the competition was won for the third time by Capt. Carr-Ellison's (Amble) Company, whose Platoon would have done credit to any Regular Unit.

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These notes would be incomplete if reference were not made to the high standard of the performances of the Massed Drums, who played twice at Reveille and twice at Retreat. Great credit is due to Drum-Major Snowden, of the 6th Battalion, for producing such excellent results in such short time.

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The writer regrets that these notes are essentially brief, because they are written in the middle of a strenuous fortnight in camp, but if he were asked to give a general impression of

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the Brigade in a nutshell it would be something on the following lines :—" A Brigade which by thorough preliminary organisation gets through a great deal of real soldiering and makes astounding progress in a very short time, and by the keenest enthusiasm contrives also to organize a number of first-rate sporting events. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery the Regular Units of the Regiment should indeed be flattered, for the imitation bears such a close resemblance to the original that it is sometimes hard to distinguish one from the other. In some respects it is superior to the Regular Units. And you can't go away after spending a fortnight with them without feeling damn proud of them."

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The strengths of the Units on arrival in Camp was as follows :—

4th Battalion—16 Officers, 469 Other Ranks.
5th Battalion—15 Officers, 509 Other Ranks.
6th Battalion—16 Officers, 440 Other Ranks.
7th Battalion—18 Officers, 500 Other Ranks.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

"C" Lines,

Ripon, Yorks.

JUNE is a month of social events. The Derby, followed by Ascot, and a host of other social events makes it a memorable month of the year, but all these fade into insignificance beside the fact that it is the month of our Annual Camp. This event is looked forward to by all ranks, and to many is their Annual Holiday.

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This year finds us among familiar scenery at Ripon, our venue of two years ago. So far this camp has been remarkable for its smoothness of working, which is due probably, at least we hope so, to an all-round increase in our organisation.

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In common with others we arrived at Ripon on Sunday, 16th, and the first two days were spent in settling down and perfecting our organisation. "A" Company, with the help of the M.G. Platoon, became the M.G. Company, under Capt. Carlile, and spent their first week chiefly in learning Gun Drill and in becoming familiar with the gun.

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This year more time in training than formerly has been devoted to Company Drill, resulting in Company Officers and N.C.O.'s having to delve into their little red books and become accustomed to columns of platoons, a battalion in mass, and other formations.

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During the first week the weather was glorious, but became rather fickle during the second.

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We had the distinction this year of being the strongest Unit in Camp, our numbers being : Officers, 18 ; Other Ranks, 534.

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On Sunday, 23rd, we proceeded to Ripon Cathedral at a very early hour of the morning, where the preacher was the Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, O.B.E., T.D. Present at this Church Parade were Maj.-Gen. H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Division, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., Commanding the Brigade, The Mayor of Ripon, the Sheriff, the Town Clerk, and that notable figure, the City Bugler.

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After the service there was a March-past of the whole Brigade, the salute being taken by the Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. H. W. Newcome.

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At mid-day the same day, the Brigade Cross-Country Run was held. Every year this seems to increase in importance, and this year we thought we would make a show. We had the first man home in Fus. Timney, of " D " Company, while Mr. Besley was running in second place until he fell while crossing the river quite near the finish. The 6th and 4th Battalions, however, had their teams nicely bunched together, and we had to be content with 3rd place with 943 points.

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Our Annual Inspection in Camp was carried out on Monday, 24th, by Col. Warde-Aldam, who expressed himself as being very pleased with all that he saw with the exception of a number of small details which still prevent us from becoming the acme of perfection.

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On Wednesday, 26th, the Ripon Horse Show was held. The Committee kindly included in their programme a number of events open to the Units in Camp. These included a class for General Turn-out of Limbers, G.S. Wagons, and Officers' Chargers, and Peg Driving. In the first we gained second place, being a very good second, whilst we were also second in the Peg Driving, the driver being Driver J. Brannon. The team in the Turn-out Competition was as follows :—

G.S. Wagon—Driver J. Brannon.
L.G.S. Wagon—Driver A. Campbell.
Brakesman—Fus. M. S. Stephenson.
Groom—Fus. J. Cavanagh.

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Next month we hope to give an account of the remainder of Camp in more detail.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
June, 1929.

CORRESPONDENCE from a Camp is always a difficulty in the ordinary way, but anything of a literary nature is a supreme effort. We hope that these notes may be treated as a preliminary appreciation of a situation still obscure —for the rain at the moment is falling fast and provides at least, the excuse for your scribe's early return from the Training Area.

Until the last hour none of us could find any cause of complaint with Ripon Camp. The weather has been ideal from a training, if not a fishing, point of view, and much useful work has been possible under very favourable conditions for administration within these canvas walls.

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The Camp sites are good—with excellent sports grounds—and quite the best transport lines we have ever had ; a feature that Capt. Clayton and Sjt. Shipley were not slow to take advantage of. With their own cook and kitchen they are living in the self-contained manner which always appeals to the soldier.

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With the training area fairly accessible, training proceeds smoothly, and a deal of attention has been paid to drill. We shall soon know if this has been enough.

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We fear, however, we cannot compete with our neighbouring

RECRUITS BOXING CONTEST, RIPON CAMP. 6TH BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Brigade, who while on a week-end camp last month, appear to have carried out a form of concertina drill.

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The following appears in a local paper :—

" The sun's rays grow hotter. ' At the halt on the left form platoon.' ' The khaki figures spring to the command move forward, wheel to the right and left, form together, spread apart, lie down, crouch and stand up.' "

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Time has flown, but all the same we have rather taken the noble efforts of our Advance Party as a matter of course. Under, or with, Capt. Parmeter and our Q.M., we arrived to find the complete article, and were a going concern that day.

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It is useful to find a great many accessories to comfort left here by our 1st Battalion, and while referring to them we may mention we are honoured with the presence of Major

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O. B. Foster, Capt. Pemberton and Fus. Stockley and Sperling in our Mess.

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Altogether our 1st Battalion are doing us well, and in all respects are exceedingly helpful and very patient with us. It is difficult to imagine how our training could be carried out efficiently without the aid of experts, and gratifying to have the aid of our own Regiment.

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We have held our Sports; endeavoured to entertain our guests; and hope, by pleasing others, to be able to please ourselves.

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In next month's *Gazette*, your contributor will supply more notes, which he hopes the Editor, if he can read them, will publish.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
June, 1929.

OUR readers will be glad to learn that, as a result of certain correspondence between the Colonel of the Regiment and the Imperial War Graves Commission, the monuments erected by the Regiment to their fallen comrades in the South African War have now been put in a state of repair. These monuments are situated at Belmont, Swartkoppies, Wilgeboomspruit and Lichtenburg Cemetery. The total amount of work required to be done does not appear to have been very great and the cost of carrying out was only a sum of £18, and a cheque for this amount has been forwarded. Several Officers have promised to subscribe towards this cost, and it is thought that there are probably others who would like to subscribe on learning of these facts. Would any who may wish so to do send their subscriptions addressed to Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Mardocks House, Ware, Herts.

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Capt. C. R. L. English
Lieut. H. Hopper

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

June 18th, 1929.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enclose two letters which will I feel sure be of interest to your readers. They are from the Commanding Officers of the 1st Elgin Regiment of Canada and the 35th Bn. Australian Infantry. At the meeting of the 5th Fusiliers Aid Society, held in London on 6th June, it was unanimously agreed that the requests of the Commanding Officers be approved and that the necessary steps to carry these out should be taken.

I have informed the War Office of this decision and have written to the two Commanding Officers concerned, requesting them to approach their Governments with a view to obtaining the necessary sanctions.

Yours sincerely,
P. S. WILKINSON (Major-General).

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St. Thomas,
Ontario,
6th September, 1928.

Maj.-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Colonel Commanding,
The Northumberland Fusiliers,
The Depôt,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
England.

SIR,

Having received the approval of Canadian National Defence Headquarters with reference to a proposal of an alliance of the unit under my command with The Northumberland Fusiliers, in accordance with War Office Pamphlet of August 1st, 1924, I have the honour of communicating with you regarding this matter in the hope that this suggested proposal may meet with your approval.

The connection on which the selection of The Northumberland Fusiliers is based is through Col. Thomas Talbot, who commanded the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Foot from 1796 until disbandment of the Battalion in 1803. On re-organisation of the British Army some years later, the 5th Foot became the 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Northumberland Fusiliers.

To Col. Talbot, more than any one else, is due the credit for opening up and settlement of this splendid county of Elgin. He having landed at Port Talbot with his first party of settlers in 1803. He established his headquarters and built his home at this Port, and was, for many years, one of the foremost men in this part of the country. His home is still standing; is in good state of preservation; is occupied as a dwelling; and is a point of pilgrimage for thousands of people as one of the historic spots of the Dominion. He is buried in a cemetery close by his old home.

The Elgin Regiment, which I now have the honour to command, is recruited from this county. Headquarters "A," "B" and "C" Companies being located in St. Thomas, a thriving railway centre of 20,000 inhabitants, named after

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Col. Thomas Talbot. " D " Company is localized in the town of Aylmer, about 12 miles east of the city.

For your information, a clipping from our local newspaper, of an article written upon the re-organisation of the Regiment at the time I assumed command, is appended.

It is sincerely hoped by myself and Officers, that the desire for affiliation with the unit under your command, may be reciprocated.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. G. ANDREWS
(Lieut.-Col., O.C. 1st Bn. The Elgin Regiment).

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Headquarters, 35th Battalion,
Rutherford,

20th October, 1928.

Maj.-Gen Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Colonel, The Northumberland Fusiliers,
c/o The War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W. 1.

Please Forward.

DEAR SIR,

In accordance with the custom being followed by so many Regiments of the British Army and Battalions of the Dominions Forces, I desire to make the suggestion that steps be taken to effect an alliance between " The Northumberland Fusiliers," of which you are the distinguished Colonel, and the 35th Battalion of Australian Infantry which I have the honour to command.

Apart from the desire of being affiliated with a Regiment with such a long and honourable historical record as " The Old Fighting Fifth," I have borne in mind that the Regimental Depôt is at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and that the Territorial Battalions are raised at Newcastle-on-Tyne and other colliery localities.

The Headquarters of my Battalion are located at Newcastle, New South Wales, which was named after the old city of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and we are the centre of the largest coal-mining locality in Australia. Many of our men have come from some part of Northumberland—certainly their parents and grandparents mostly come from the coal-mining centres of Northumberland. Most of our suburbs are named after suburbs of Newcastle-on-Tyne or other places in Northumberland, such as Wallsend, Jarrow, Jesmond, Morpeth, Gosforth, Hexham and several others, so that these links already exist between our Battalion and your Territorial Battalions.

From a perusal of the Battle Honours list of the Northumberland Fusiliers in the Great War it is observed that the " Old Fighting Fifth " sent not less than the remarkable number of 52 Battalions, who earned amongst them many of the same battle honours which this Battalion is proud to bear, including :— " Messines, 1917 " ; " Ypres, 1917 "; " Polygon Wood " ; " Broodseinde "; " Passchendaele "; " Somme, 1918 "; " Albert, 1918 "; " Hindenburg Line " ; " St. Quentin Canal "; " France and Flanders, 1918."

If the suggestion for this affiliation meets with your concurrence, I shall be glad if you would communicate with the Commanding Officer of your Regular Battalion at Home (the 1st Battalion, I think), and the Commanding Officers of your four Territorial Battalions.

If they agree, kindly inform me at your early convenience when I shall make the official application for the alliance to be effected to be submitted through the proper channel by the Australian Military Board.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
B. NUNCARROW
(Lieut.-Col. Commanding 35th Battalion Australian Infantry).

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8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,

25th June, 1929.

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The following questions were discussed at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the General Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, held in London on 6th June, 1929 :—

1. Applications for Affiliation received from the following Regiments were read and agreed to :—1st Bn. Elgin Regiment, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada ; 35th Bn. Australian Infantry, Rutherford, Australia.
2. Repairs to Lichtenberg Memorial, erected after the South African War :—Various members of the Committee undertook to raise the necessary funds for the purpose which amounts to £18.
3. The invitation from the Chaplain of the British Church at Amsterdam, to place the Regimental Crest in a window in his Church was considered. It was agreed that unless the other Regiments which served in Holland also accepted this invitation, no action should be taken. Further correspondence on the subject was left in the hands of the Chairman in consultation with the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion.

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.).
Secretary.

N.B.—*Further correspondence and an Editorial note referring to paras. 1 and 2 of above letter appear in this number.*
(ED.—*St. G.G.*)

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,

30th June, 1929.

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1929, as follows :—

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Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.	3	3	0
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Lieut.-Col. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C.	Boots and shoes		
The Lady Ravensworth (8th parcel)	Clothing		

Yours very truly,

J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.).

Secretary and Treasurer.

Regimental Dinner.

THE Regimental Dinner was held on 6th June at the Hotel Metropole. The following Officers were present:—

Maj.-General Sir Percival Wilkinson; Br.-Generals T. G. L. H. Armstrong, B. T. Buckley, the Hon. Charles Lambton, E. Morton, W. H. Sitwell; Air-Commodore I. M. Bonham-Carter; Colonels E. W. Dashwood, J. H. C. Somerville, Sir Albert Whitaker; Lt.-Colonels W. H. F. Cole, S. H. Enderby, B. W. E. Gething, E. B. Gordon, E. S. Heard, W. N. Herbert, R. M. Lamb, G. R. F. Leverson, E. M. Moulton-Barrett, the Hon. Murrough O'Brien, W. Platt, W. P. Rushbrooke, D. Sapte, W. E. Sturges, F. C. Turner, H. B. Warwick; Majors H. W. Archer, J. F. Chenevix-Trench, R. E. Critchley-Salmonson, G. C. Humphreys, G. J. Jackson, H. St. J. Montague, H. H. Prideaux, H. C. Stephen, Greville Williams; Captains W. H. Braddell, F. C. Corbet-Singleton, G. E. Fenwick, R. W. H. Fryer, J. H. Hogshaw, H. I. Powell; Lieutenants F. H. Butterfield, K. O. N. Foster, C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, B. J. Leech.

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(The following article culled from an old local newspaper in Norfolk is interesting. Who the 5th Officer was is not known but various circumstances point to his being identified with the late Major Cubitt.)

From an Officer of 5th Fusiliers connected with the County of Norfolk.

Lucknow,

19th November.

I believe my last to you was from Futteypoor, when I wrote after the battle of Kudgwa. We marched as hard as we could on to Cawnpore, where I joined my 7th Company just in time to push on with them to Lucknow. I saw, at Cawnpore, the position held by poor Wheeler, also the house of the horrid massacre, which still retained traces of blood.

After three days' march we joined General Grant about 13 miles from Lucknow. Our last day's march was very trying; we had to cross a river by ford, the enemy having blown up the bridge, and did not get into camp till midnight. Sir Colin had just arrived the day previous with his staff. On the 18th we had in camp the 5th, 8th, 53rd, 76th, 92nd, two Punjab Regiments, 9th Lancers, Punjab Cavalry, Military Train and Artillery, Naval Brigade, 28th and 82nd; in all 3,600 Infantry, 1,500 Cavalry and Artillery with 80 guns. Between us and Lucknow lay the Fort Alumbagh, formerly a summer residence of the King of Oude, in which was now shut up some 1,000 of our men.

We began the advance about 8 a.m. on the 13th, and met with no opposition till within two miles of this Fort. The FIFTH formed the advance guard. The enemy suddenly fired on us with three guns. We were ordered to lie down on the road side, and very lucky we did so, the shots pitched right on the road before and behind us, but luckily no harm done. Some cavalry and infantry were thrown out and soon dispersed our friends; we then advanced and relieved the Fort. The enemy were round us on all sides.

On the 13th I was on the advanced picquet, and had some potting at our friends all night. The whole road into Lucknow this way was a mass of batteries, and said to be undermined, so Sir Colin determined to attack it on the opposite side, towards Fyzabad.

On the 14th we moved off, along the new route, straight across country. Luckily they have no hedges hereabouts, but the grass and corn maize grow above a man's height. The FIFTH again in the van. I got my 50 men on picquet the advance company of the main body, and was allowed the command of them myself. The first building on this side of Lucknow is the Dilkouska, a sort of residence of royalty, with a fine park filled with deer, and a large square-enclosed garden down to the banks of the Goomtee. It stands on an eminence; below it, separated about half a mile by a ravine, stands the magnificent palace of Martiniere. As soon as we came in sight of the park wall, the enemy's skirmishers opened on our advance. Our Brigade was called to the front, and we all leapt over the wall. Pandy fell back at once on the Martiniere. This building occupies, I should think, a quarter of a mile. I was on the extreme right, and cleared the garden I before mentioned, where I found oranges, citrons, etc. They held it in force, having several heavy guns posted to the right of it. We advanced to within 500 yards of it, and were ordered to lie down in some furze bushes till our guns had silenced the enemy's The fire was terrific—round shot, grape, shell, canister, which

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even in line tore over and cut up our men. How we escaped seems quite miraculous to me; yet, strange, we (the FIFTH) only lost three men and one wounded. However, our left turned the guns, which, when taken, the enemy retreated through a tope to the rear from which they were driven by the Cavalry to the suburbs.

On the 15th we drove the enemy over a canal, and established ourselves on the outskirts more firmly. The Engineers making a circuitous route to enter the city; at 8 a.m. I went on advanced picquet. We were with Peel's battery of rockets and heavy guns. The enemy fired over us all night—anything but pleasant. In the morning we had to lie as close as possible, in a sort of hollow, to escape the musketry, and ran a regular guantlet when we went to relieve the sentries. The fire was kept up with great vigour all night; at nine the 53rd and 93rd advanced with great difficulty, gradually driving the enemy out of the houses; at 12 we followed. All the baggage had been left at Dilkouska, the hospital, which up to this was light, not above 40 in all the operations. The 93rd forced their way through some dirty narrow suburbs, till they came in front of a large square building, walled, with summer-houses, pavilions at corners, and a garden inside. This was the Secunder Bagh; every wall was loop-holed, and there was some 2,000 defenders. Our guns, after some time, made a scarcely practicable breach, and then the 93rd and 53rd, and one Company of ours, rushed at it. We came up some time after. The scene was most awful, such as I should imagine no one ever witnessed before. The whole 2,000 were heaped in piles in all the corners; in every building; under every tree. Their clothes had caught fire, and they were burning. Most of the buildings were in a blaze. Whilst I was in, some 60 more were caught on the roof firing on us. With a yell of "Cawnpore" they were all bayoneted. God forgive us if our vengeance was too great. I saw this, but did not take part in it; the Sikhs were the principal actors. Many were found crouching under the dead bodies, and were so treated likewise. Shortly after a powder magazine was blown up inside the place and killed some of the 64th. In the meantime two mosques had fallen to the 93rd, 53rd and 82nd. I was sent to the rear picquet, where I have been since.

On the 17th and 18th we were burying the dead Sepoys, and the sadder task of our own poor fellows. At length we gave up the former, and have only heaped up the earth over them in the building. Several women were among those killed and burnt, but this was accidental, and I saved myself, a few women from the Sikhs. This day the mess house was taken, and we opened communication with Havelock.

On the 18th the wounded, and, thank God, the women, were all sent to Dilkouska, passing out to safety and liberty. The loss, up to this, is about 39 Officers and 383 men killed and wounded; but Havelock's list is far sadder: 74 Officers and some 1,000 men—I fear I underrate them. Our old FIFTH has been one of the first in every assault and in every sortie, but our loss is great: five of our best Officers and my two dearest friends are gone—Major Simmonds, Hay, L'Estrange, Johnson and Carter. The last three died of their wounds. They had no medical treatment. In forcing their way to the Residency they lost all their stores, and were, comparatively, only slightly wounded, but died from fever through want of care and medicine. I hear Simmonds shot six men before he was killed by the seventh. Brown was inside, and has a chance of the Victoria Cross. As yet we have not entered the real native city, and even the Kaiser Bagh and principle palace remain untaken. Pandy is fighting desparately, and well he may; but his loss is much greater than at Delhi—I should say 5,000 is a low figure.

I dislike this post I am at; we are still under the walls of Secunder, and the stench is decidedly nasty, besides I have not had a wash for three days and not an over large store of food, only biscuits and rum till to-day (now bread and meat). I had my watch and 70 rupees stolen from me last night, also my bag, papers, and Prayer-book. I have got the last three articles back. I regret my watch, but it is better than losing one's head, and that is on my shoulders yet. I am in first-rate health, thank God! and have been wond'rous lucky.

On picquet the morning of the 16th, I was hit in the leg by a spent ball, but it did no harm, only causing a big bruise. I fear this narrative is not over clear, but I am writing in the open air, we having had no tents these last eight days. It is frightfully cold by night and awfully hot by day. Lucknow must have been a splendid city, but now is terribly riddled. I believe I have got my promotion, but it is a sad way to come by it. I can't pay postage, I have not a rupee.

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CROSBY.—At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 11th July, 1929, to the wife of Fusilier Crosby, Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter.

STOCKHOUSE.—At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 14th June, 1929, to the wife of Lce.-Cpl. Stockhouse, Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BOWKER—SHORT.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 1st July, 1929, Sjt. D. Bowker, Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers, to Annie Gormley Short.

CURTIS—TRADEWELL.—At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 29th May, 1929, C.S.M. S. C. Curtis, Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers, to Violet May Tradewell.

MORRISON—BROCKBANK.—At Hendon, on 18th May, 1929, Cpl. C. Morrison, Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers, to Jane Brockbank.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Serjt. Major Engr. Storekeeper R. D. Smart to be Lieut. (Qr.-Mr.) (dated 8th July).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. L. P. Boss resigns his commission (dated 12th June).

6th Bn.—A. M. K. Martin (late Cadet Lce.-Cpl., Durham School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 3rd April).

6th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. W. H. Pearey to be Lieut. (dated 23rd April).

6th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. R. Potter to be Lieut. (dated 13th April).

7th Bn.—D. V. Brims (late Cadet Under-Officer, Uppingham School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 1st June).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Doncaster,
July, 1929.

"TRAINING for War" and "Training for Peace" alternate with great rapidity. The crash of small arms' fire at Strensall has given way to the trumpetings of Tattoos at York and Doncaster. This is to be followed after a brief interval by Brigade Training at Catterick. It really is a marvellous Army! A diary of the daily events in a soldier's life over a period of a week or two would make astounding reading. Think of a very few of the jobs he does—carries coal, shoots rifle, Lewis gun, machine gun, and rifle grenade, drills, washes some of his clothes, displays himself to the accompaniment of music and searchlights, marches, removes furniture, practices killing with the bayonet, cleans buttons, pots, pans, equipment, arms, floors, windows and everything else cleanable, and incidentally dirties the lot again in short time. On top of this he crams arithmetic, geography, etc., into his head, and so on, and so on. Whether he is really proficient, or ever could be, at all these jobs, is another matter—still, he does them all.

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We are responsible for two of the main items on the programme for the Tattoos at York and Doncaster.

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Firstly, a P.T. display. Secondly, a Torchlight Procession.

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From the cuttings of local papers, *plus* the remarks of the audiences overheard, we gather that our "shows" are by no means the least dazzling of what is called "a dazzling display"—whether this said "dazzling" refers only to the lights and searchlights, we don't know, but can't think it really can be so.

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The N.C.O.'s and men taking part are to be congratulated, not only on the excellent performance they put up, but on their extraordinary good behaviour throughout a somewhat trying time which entails the sacrifice of evenings out, and bed until early morning.

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The "brains" of our "shows," represented by Col. Garnier, Mr. Speer and Mr. Hobbs, are also to be congratulated on the results of their scheming. With amazement we see a P.T. Display turn itself into a St. George's Cross. With awe we see the Torchlights form both a Rose and the letter and words "V. Foot."

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Brain! the Army is full of it!

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Certain Officers acted as barons in the "Pageant of Peace"; whether they looked barons or felt barons is open to doubt, but they certainly acted as barons, both as regards their gallantry to the numerous ladies of the two courts involved and that peculiar freedom with the flowing bowl and foaming flagon attributed to barons and other noble and nobler personages.

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It may here be said that none of this gallantry and flowing bowl freedom is noticeable within the arena where the cortège is haughty and stately, but without!

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We are all very glad to see Mrs. Herbert about again after her operation, and we feel sure that now, being minus her appendix, she will be plus in her health.

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Capt. Buckley, Mr. Yorke and Mr. Parsons have gone to teach a part of the Territorial Army how to be machine gunners, and Capt. Seth-Smith has gone to Netheravon to turn himself into a machine "gunner" also. We hope he won't fail to pass in through throwing a saddle over the gun.

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Capt. Scanlan has just returned from Netheravon, and Capt. Lindsay has gone to the Depôt for a tour of duty.

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Mr. Clarke has gone on an Education Course—only to be taught how to teach, of course.

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Mr. Macmullen is still in London with knee trouble; this trouble *not* being due to any untoward nocturnal misadventure.

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Mr. Bolster is shortly off to join the 2nd Battalion in India.

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We were very pleased to see Capts. Braddell and Hamilton at York the other day; both are rejoining the Battalion this month, the former after a tour of duty at the Depôt, the latter after a final tour of duty in West Africa.

MAJOR O. B. FOSTER, M.C., TESTING A KAPOK BRIDGE AT BATTALION TRAINING, RIPON.

(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

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We wish them happiness.

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Other marital events are looming ahead, but we will wait awhile before commenting, congratulating, condoling, etc.

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Other visitors include Capt. Gatehouse's brother, who had the honour, if not the pleasure, of "going over the top" with the 1st Battalion as an artillery forward Observing Officer on a certain very unpleasant day in June, 1915.

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These notes are unavoidably scanty, as the writer has become involved in a whirlpool of bread, meat, troops, salt, sugar and vegetables, having become what's termed "Camp Messing Officer" for the Tattoo Camp at Doncaster. "Messing" is

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the right word, and what a mess ! Meal times is a veritable Tower of Babel with a touch of Hell thrown in. Two thousand troops with nine small store tents to feed in, and the Babelic touch is given by gaunt Highlanders, hardy Northumbrians, wild Irishmen, doughty Yorkshiremen, Cockneys, men from Surrey and Staffordshire : in fact men from very near everywhere. And, Lord, they can eat. Messing could be simplified and the Tattoo enhanced by the roasting and eating of bullocks in the arena. Why not ?

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Cricket notes must perforce be left over until next month as the score book is not with us.

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We play Sir Albert Whitaker's XI. on 27th August, at Babworth.

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The weather waxes hotter, water waxes lower and local brewery shares should wax higher and some of us feel like real melting wax.

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Brigade Training for a fortnight starts on 1st September, at Catterick, and no doubt Commanders are hard at work thinking out how to effect surprise, which reminds one of one of the very few flashes of humour displayed by Von Moltke on this principle of war. When addressing a certain assembly of Officers he said : " In the course of my career I have invariably noticed that there are at most only three courses of action open to the enemy, and that he invariably takes the fourth." Let some Commander try this " fourth " at Catterick—the final conference might be interesting. If any Commander would like to try, here are two suggestions :—

1. If you are ordered to attack the enemy in an encounter battle—don't. Let him attack you first, and dispose your defence so that the approaches to your position are covered by artillery and machine-gun fire only with the barest possible number of Infantry posts to cover covered approaches to machine-gun posts, if there are any such approaches. If your position, or any important part of it is captured, counter-attack with your Infantry which is in Reserve. If the enemy fails to take your position and has expended a large part of his force in the trying, counter-attack if the moment is propitious.

Any criticism of this can be countered by stating that firstly you consider the general doctrine of the Army for a big war should be a defensive one as it is at least a thousand to one that in such a war the rôle of the Regular Army will be a defensive one pending the arrival of the Territorial Army. Secondly, that as the effect of the fire-power of your machine-guns is greater in defence than in attack, you can go a long way to smashing him up when he attacks, then complete the smashing of him by attacking him in turn. Thirdly, you keep the bulk of your Infantry out of the fire the enemy will first place down on your position. Fourthly, your machine-guns are already sited to support your counter-attack.

2. If you are forced to attack an enemy in position, don't concentrate on getting your Infantry into his position. This is an anti-climax inasmuch as you are using your weapons of greater fire-power to get the weapon of least fire-power into the enemy position. Concentrate on a certain sector of his front and bring all available fire-power on getting the bulk of your machine-guns into this part of his position, from where they can then enfilade the remainder of his position ; at the same time they immediately become defensive weapons for which they are most suited, and hence can prevent any counter-attack developing and kill any movement in any direction. If he does counter-attack, act as in 1 above, if he doesn't widen your gap and continue as before. If any Commander dare try this, there are three courses of action open to his superior Officer : sack him, promote him, take no notice —but he might take the " invariable fourth," which presumably would be—shoot him.

Army Athletic Sports.

For the first time for some years, the Battalion decided to send a team to compete in the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships at Aldershot, which were held on 11th, 12th and 13th July. Our considered verdict, on returning, is that we selected a very bad year to go ! The standard was considerably higher than it has ever been before, which is proved by the fact that throughout the Meeting, in heats, eliminations and finals, existing Army Records were beaten no less than 23 times.

220TH TEAM ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Sherburn, Shields, Urwin, McDonough and Scanlon, who ran in the Final.

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Although we occupied a lower place than we anticipated, nobody came away dissatisfied. It was a wonderful meeting, and served as an eye-opener to us, and, we fancy, to a number of other Units as well. The results are given somewhat fully, firstly because it should be a matter of interest to anyone who concerns himself with Athletics in the Regiment, and secondly, to serve as a record to show the approximate standard which should be attained by a Battalion Team which hopes for success at the Army Sports.

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400 *Yards Relay*—(4 at 100 Yards). Army Record, 42 1/5 secs. First in each heat and two fastest losers to final.

The FIFTH team got into the final by virtue of being second fastest loser in 42 9/10 secs., 7/10 secs. outside existing Army record.

Final placings.—1, York and Lancaster Regt. ; 2, Dorsets ; 3, K.O.S.B. ; 4, Ox. and Bucks. L.I. ; equal 5, H.L.I. and FIFTH. *Time*, 41 1/5 secs. New Army record. First 3 teams all beat old record.

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880 *Yards Relay* (4 at 220 Yards). Army record, 1 min. 33 3/10 secs. First in each heat and two fastest losers to final.

The FIFTH were third, by about 2 feet, in a fastish heat.

100 YARD TEAM, ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.
(EQUALLED ARMY RECORD.)
Sherburn, Shields, Urwin, McDonough—"The Flying Four."

Final placings.—1, York and Lancs.; 2, Dorsets; 3, Ox. and Bucks. L.I.; 4, R.E., Aldershot; 5, K.O.S.B. *Time*, 1 min. 31 9/10 secs. New Army record.

One Mile Relay (4 at 440 Yards). First in each heat and two fastest losers to final. Army record, 3 mins. 31 1/5 secs.

The FIFTH were third in their heat, being beaten by Ox. and Bucks L.I., and R.E., Aldershot, who were finally placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Final placings.—1, Dorsets; 2, Ox. and Bucks. L.I.; 3, R.E., Aldershot; 4, K.O.S.B.; 5, Essex Regt. *Time*, 3 mins. 29 2/5 secs. First two teams beat old Army record.

Two Miles Relay (4 at 880 Yards). Army record, 8 mins. 24 2/5 secs.

FIFTH were 3rd in their heat of five. In the first heat the 3rd Bn. R.T.C. and 2nd Dorsets both broke the Army record, with 8 mins. 15 secs. and 8 mins. 16 1/10 secs. respectively.

Final placings.—1, Dorsets; 2, H.L.I.; 3, K.O.S.B.; 4, 3rd Bn. R.T.C.; 5, York and Lancs. *Time*, 8 mins. 24 2/5 secs. Equals Army record.

One Mile Team (teams of 4).

FIFTH were unplaced.

Final placings.—1, 2nd Bn. R.T.C.; 2, Cheshire Regt.; 3, D.C.L.I.; 4, K.O.S.B.; 5, Dorsets. *Time of first man home*, 4 mins. 37 3/8 secs.

Three Miles Team.

FIFTH unplaced. Cpl. Bellwood deserves mention for having run a good race in hot company.

Final placings.—1, 2nd Bn. R.T.C.; 2, 3rd Div. Signals; 3, D.C.L.I.; 4, Yorks. and Lancs.; 5, Cheshire Regt.

480 *Yards Hurdles* (4 at 120 Yards). Army record 1 min. 7 secs. First in each heat and two fastest losers to final.

The FIFTH struck a warmish heat of 4 teams, and were last. The remaining 3 teams all went to the final, the first by virtue of winning the heat, and 2nd and 3rd through being the two fastest losers in 4 heats.

Final Placings.—1, York and Lancs.; 2, Ox. and Bucks. L.I.; 3, R.E., Aldershot; 4, Coldstream Guards; 5, D.C.L.I. *Time*, 1 min. 7 9/10 secs.

Putting the Weight (teams of 2). Army record, 77 ft. 7½ in.

Equal 1, FIFTH and Scots Guards (74 ft. 11½ in.—Lt. Beckwith, 40 ft. 11 in.; Cpl. Stobbart, 34 ft. 0½ in.); 3, H.L.I. (74 ft. 8½ in.); 4, K.O.S.B. (73 ft. 6½ in.); 5, York and Lancs. (73 ft. 2½ in.).

Throwing the Hammer (teams of 2). (First year of inclusion in Championships).

1, K.O.S.B. (253 ft. 9½ in.); 2, York and Lancs. (214 ft. 7½ in.); 3, FIFTH (213 ft. 7 in.); 4, H.L.I. (198 ft. 0½ in.); 5, 3rd Bn. R.T.C. (193 ft. 5 in.).

First and second strings of K.O.S.B. both beat existing Army individual record.

Throwing the Discus (teams of 2). (First year of inclusion in Championships.)

1, York and Lancs. (221 ft. 10 in.); 2, 3rd Bn. R.T.C. (215 ft. 5½ in.); 3, K.O.S.B. (211 ft. 10½ in.); 4, FIFTH (205 ft. 3½ in.); 5, Scots Guards (202 ft.).

Throwing the Javelin (teams of 2). (First year of inclusion in Championships).

1, K.O.S.B. (326 ft. 3¾ in.); 2, R.E., Aldershot (282 ft. 4 in.); 3, Scots Guards (269 ft. 1¼ ins.); 4, 3rd Bn. R.T.C. (267 ft. 2 in.); 5, Dorsets (261 ft. 4 in.).

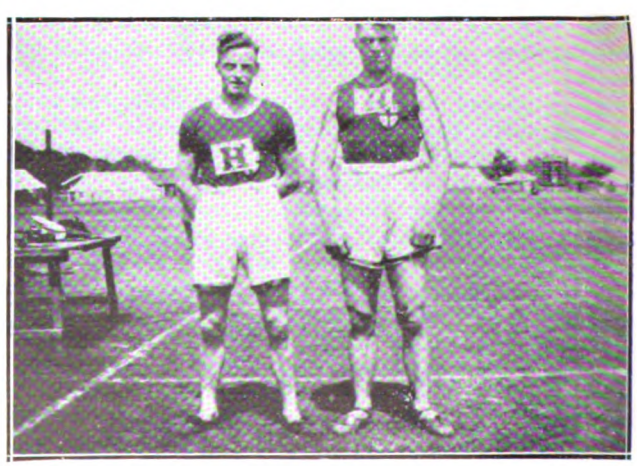
Best individual throw—Lce.-Cpl. Grice, K.O.S.B. (173 ft. 6¼ in.). Beats Army individual record.

Pole Jump (teams of 2). Army record, 18 ft. 9 in.

1, York. and Lancs. (19 ft. 9 in.); 2, Ox. and Bucks. (19 ft. 3 in.); 3, Dorsets (19 ft. 0¾ in.); 4, FIFTH (19 ft.); 5, K.O.S.B. First four teams all beat existing record.

High Jump (teams of 2).

1, Dorsets (10 ft. 8 in.); 2, K.O.S.B. (10 ft. 7½ in.); 3, H.L.I.



ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS—POLE JUMPERS.
McDonough and Sherburn, who beat the Army Record by 3 in

(10 ft. 7 in.); 4, Coldstream Guards (10 ft. 6 in.); equal 5, R.E., Aldershot, and Ox. and Bucks. L.I. (10 ft. 5¼ in.).

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Long Jump (teams of 2). Army record, 42 ft. 6 in.

1. York and Lancs. (43 ft. 11½ in.); 2, H.L.I. (42 ft. 8½ in.); 3. Dorsets (42 ft. 7¾ in.); 4, Ox. and Bucks L.I. (42 ft.); 5,

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2nd-Lieut. Sperling high-jumping, with Lieut. Whelan in the background judging.

FIFTH (41 ft. 8 in.)—(Sherburn, 21 ft.; Urwin, 20 ft. 8 in.). First three all beat Army record.

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Points were allotted as follows :—

All track events, 1st to 5th respectively, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2.
All field events, 1st to 5th respectively, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

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The following is the final order of teams :—

		Pts.
1.	York and Lancaster Regt. (Northern Ireland District)	56
2.	2nd Dorsets (Rhine Army)	50
3.	1st K.O.S.B. (Aldershot)	42
4.	1st Ox. and Bucks. L.I. (Southern Command) ..	32½
5.	1st H.L.I. (Aldershot)	22
6.	R.E. (Aldershot)	20½
7.	2nd Bn. Royal Tank Corps (Aldershot)	20
8.	2nd D.C.L.I. (Aldershot)	14
9.	1st North'd. Fus. (Northern Command)	13
10.	3rd Bn. Royal Tank Corps (Eastern Command) ..	11
11.	2nd Cheshires (Southern Command)	10
12.	Scots Guards (London District)	8½
13.	3rd Div. Signals (Southern Command)	8
14.	1st Coldstream Guards (Aldershot)	6
15.	1st Essex Regt. (Eastern Command)	2
16	2nd Grenadier Guards (London District) ..	
17	Training Bn. Royal Corps Signals (Northern Cd.)	0
18	2nd K.S.L.I. (Aldershot)	

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Fifth Fusiliers' team was as follows :—

Lieut. Beckwith—Weight, Hammer, Discus, Hurdles.
2nd-Lieut. Sperling—High Jump.
2nd-Lieut. Enderby—Javelin, Hurdles.
2nd-Lieut. Speer—Half-mile.
2nd-Lieut. Threlfall—Half-mile, Quarter-mile.
C.S.M. Purcell—High Jump.
Cpl. Bellwood—Half-mile, 3 Miles.
Cpl. Scanlan—220 Yards, Quarter-mile.
Cpl. Shields—100 Yards, 220 Yards, Quarter-mile.
Cpl. Bell—Quarter-mile.
Cpl. Stobbart—Weight, Discus.
Lce.-Cpl. McDonough—100 Yds., 220 Yds., Hurdles, Pole Jump.
Lce.-Cpl. Townley—Three Miles.
Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys—Half-mile.
Fus. Sherburn—100 Yds., Long Jump, Pole Jump, Hurdles.
Fus. Urwin—100 Yds., 220 Yds., Long Jump.
Fus. Massey—Mile, Three Miles.
Fus. Johnson—Mile, Three Miles.
Fus. Anderson—Javelin.
Fus. Davison—Mile.
Lce.-Cpl. Metherill—Mile.
Fus. Wood—Reserve.

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We were unfortunate in being without Mr. Kilgour, who, if fit, would have assisted us materially in the 100, 220 and 440 Yards, and Hurdles. He was *hors-de-combat* through knee trouble. The team also missed Lce.-Cpl. Latimer, one of our best performers at distances of half-mile and over. Latimer was suffering from strain.

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Since the Sports were concluded we have lost two members of the team, who have done us very well for several years—Fus. Urwin and Fus. Sherburn—who have both been transferred to the Army Reserve.

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We would like to offer our congratulations to our old friends

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Cpl Stobbart throwing the Discus.

and rivals, the York and Lancaster Regiment, upon their very fine team and upon having won the Championship for two years in succession.

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Serjeants' Mess.

York,
July, 1929.

We left Strensall on the 10th instant, and arrived in York, to forget Musketry and Groups, etc., until next year.

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The Tattoo rehearsals brought everyone up to concert pitch with the result that very good performances were put up by all taking part.

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Eleven Benedicts are seen each night strutting about the arena like cock-robins, and the hairdressers have done a roaring trade in hair oils and moustache fixing cream.

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The remainder of the Mess have been utilised as seating stewards, and judging from appearances some had quite a good time, especially those near the bar.

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Various modes of travel were invented for the conveyance of the troops from Barracks to the Knavesmire and back. Push-bikes, tram-cars, ferry-boats, and on one occasion even furniture removal vans, were brought into use. Travel-de-luxe.

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Sjt. Cogan lost his job as chief masseur in the Athletic team, and has been relegated to a mere marker in the P.T. display and a green light in the lantern display.

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Our chief marshal has been up to his tricks again. Not content with the display given by the P.T. Squads, he thought he would give one of his own. Whilst marshalling the Squads on to their respective tram-cars one night, he mistook the cleaning pits in the car sheds for a swimming bath and proceeded to give a diving display, which was not very graceful. Happily he was not injured to any great extent. At least, so we gathered from his vocabulary.

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Sua cuique voluptas.

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Our new 18-stone caterer would have looked well taking the part of the Bishop in the "Pageant of Peace."

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On account of so many men being required for the Tattoo, there has been a shortage of man-power for fatigues and advance party to Doncaster, to make the camp ready for the Tattoo which is to be held there at the end of the month, and the R.S.M. has had a worried look in his eye in case he was required to make the number up.

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The master cook also is walking about with a dangerous look in his eye, and murmuring: "DONCASTER and DATE-PUDDING—that will make them fit."

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It is officially denied that J.W.M.P. (the Boy) is to become one of the Benedicts in the near future.

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Sjt. Chapman conducted a Draft from the Depôt to York at the end of last month, but as we were in Strensall we did not have the pleasure of seeing him.

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Sjt. Hullyer returned from a Vocational Course on the 20th, and we are all under instruction in the art of profit-making out of chicken rearing.

Sjt. Holmes has returned from a Course at the Machine Gun School, with visions of a "D."

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Congratulations to Sjt. Croft on obtaining a Q.1 at the School of Education. More strength to his elbow. Size 17 in hats are now too small for him.

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C.S.M. Purcell was one of the competitors in the High Jump at the Army Sports, Aldershot.

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By the time these notes are in print we shall have been to Doncaster and performed our various duties at the Tattoo, and as we are duty Battalion we shall have at least 150 members attached to the Mess.

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We were paid surprise visits by ex-R.S.M. Groves and ex-Sjt. Lee during the month, and hope it will not be long before we see them again. Also any other ex-members of the Mess.

Corporals' Mess.

23rd July, 1929.

The fold are once again settled down in Barracks, after some strenuous weeks at Ripon and Strensall.

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The skittle kings are very quiet since we returned from camp, but no doubt they will soon make their presence felt once they start.

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Our famous jazz king has left us, to proceed on a Vocational Training Course at Chisledon, prior to retiring to civilian life. We wish him the best of luck.

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When these notes appear in print the following members will have returned to civilian life:—Cpls. Flint, Ingham and Tailford. We take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck in their new sphere of life.

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The Fold heartily congratulate the following members on the splendid performance they put up at the Army Championships and Northern Command Athletic Meetings:—Cpls. Bell, Shields Scanlon, Stobbart, Bellwood, McDonough, and Latimer.

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Certain members of the Club are afflicted with a severe form of love sickness over a certain N.A.A.F.I. waitress. The afflicted are a Corporal recently returned from India, a famous dark-skinned boxer, and one "Micky." When one enters the Club, the love-light can be seen shining from their eyes, whilst their quarrels are frequent as to who should hold the lady's hand. There are dark whispers of duels at dawn, and one of them was seen "punching up" with the foils in the gyms, while the other two are indulging in lessons on how to shoot with the revolver.

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We are at present in the throes of a Tattoo which is being held here and at Doncaster. Some of the older members are thinking of taking to bath-chairs and crutches since taking part in the P.T. display which the Battalion is giving.

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This one was heard on a recent rifle inspection at camp:—

N.C.O.: "Your rifle is very dirty. How often do you clean it?"

RECRUIT: "Once by day, when in uniform, Corporal."

"NICKO."

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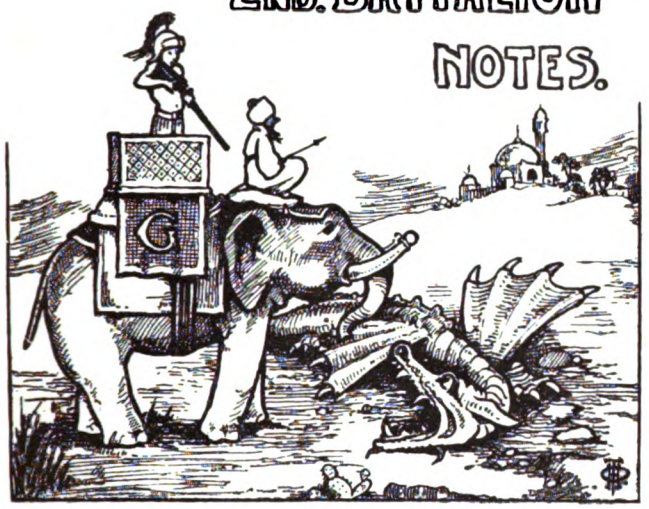
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Lahore,
25th, June, 1929.

LAHORE at this time of the year is anything but pleasant. The temperature has reached 118.9 degrees—the hottest registered in Lahore for 29 years. But we are remarkably free from sickness, and with a continuance of early morning firing on the Range and plenty of games in the evenings we manage to battle the elements very well.

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The Signallers have completed their Table "B" Musketry; whilst the first party of the newly formed M.G. Company have also classified. At present the Indian Platoon and a few Casuals are busy engaged in firing Table "B," and hope to complete by 1st July.

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Maj. Baxter has just returned from Simla, where he had the honour of dining with the Viceroy at an Old Etonian dinner. Mr. Flower has left on 46 days' privilege leave to Dalhousie, and, with Mr. Surtees proceeding to Dagshai to take over the temporary duties of Adjutant, we are down to a minimum in Officers.

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There has been considerable activity of late in the Serjeants' Mess. Several very enjoyable Tennis "At Homes" have been held. The first of these—Officers and Serjeants, Fifth Fusiliers *versus* Officers and Serjeants, Royal Air Force, resulted in an easy victory for the visitors; but in the return match, which was held in the Air Park Grounds, we were only very narrowly defeated. The following Officers and Serjeants have played in these representative games:—Capt. Plummer, Capt. Attwater, Lieut. Grimley, Lieut. Surtees, Lieut. Milward, Lieut. Walton, C.S.M. Beck, C.S.M. Davies, Comdr. Skinner (M.E.S.), C.Q.M.S. Ward, Sjt. Hart, Sjt. Wasse, Sjt. Baker, Sjt. Evans, Sjt. Holdsworth, Sjt. Rutherford, and Sjt. Garnet (I.A.O.C.)—one will admit a good number of hitherto unknowns amongst the Serjeants.

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The Serjeants came into their own when they entertained the members of the Corporals' Club to both tennis and billiards. In each case they proved too good for the Corporals, but as they had the assistance of visitors of Departmental Branches the results were not taken seriously.

Scores for billiards are appended:—

SERJEANTS' MESS.		CORPORALS' CLUB.	
C.S.M. Davis	90	Lce.-Cpl. Blackett	100
Sjt. Wood	79	Lce.-Cpl. Dickenson	100
Sjt. Hart	79	Cpl. McGuire	100
Sjt. Roberts (R.C.S.)	100	Cpl. Higgins	41
Sjt. Holdsworth	100	Lce.-Cpl. Ainsley	71
Sjt. Darrach (R.A.M.C.)	68	Lce.-Cpl. Smith	100
S/Sjt. Heath (I.A.S.C.)	100	Cpl. Hildrew	97
C.S.M. Beck	100	Lce.-Cpl. Gray	73
Total	716	Total	682

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
July, 1929.

AT the present time, life in the "Recruiting World," and consequently life at the Depôt, is exceptionally quiet.

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The 68th Depôt, like ourselves, has only one squad of recruits. The Inter-Squad Boxing Competition (for the third quarter of the year), the Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition and the Depôt Athletic Sports will all have to be abandoned owing to lack of recruits. This lack of recruits has, however, its advantages, as it has been possible during the past two months for almost the entire Depôt Staff to take their annual leave. Another advantage is that in the near future, to wit, on the return of the Training Cadre from Strensall, it should be possible to arrange for some short refresher courses for the Depôt Staff Instructors.

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Maj. Chenevix-Trench, Capt. Braddell and Mr. Stockley have returned from leave. Mr. Collingwood is on leave in France. By the time that these notes appear in print, Capt. Braddell will have left us to rejoin the 1st Battalion at York, he having completed his tour of duty at the Depôt. We welcome his successor, Capt. Lindsay. Capt. Hogshaw will carry out his Staff attachment to the Headquarters Northumbrian Area from 29th July to 25th August. On the 30th July, Maj. Chenevix-Trench, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. Stockley, C.S.M. Curtis, Sjt. Marrs and the Training Cadre are off to the Annual Camp of the O.T.C. (Junior Division) at Strensall where they will form the Staff of No. 1 Battalion. For the past three years this Battalion has been commanded by Lieut.-Col. Platt, but this year he is to command the Brigade.

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On 1st July we said good-bye to the 21st Field Brigade R.A. (H.Q., Signal Section, "Y" and "Z" Batteries), when they left us for Catterick, where they are to be mechanised. The Artillery Barracks are now empty and it seems likely that they will not again be occupied until the return of the Rhine Army. In consequence of the departure of the Gunners, the Military Hospital has had its establishment reduced and has become a Reception Station.

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We are much indebted to Maj. Chenevix-Trench for having presented to the Officers' Mess a set of four water-colours by

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Simpkin. Two of these pictures depict episodes in the Peninsular War and two portray the different uniforms of the various periods in the Regiment's history. In addition, Maj. Chenevix-Trench has presented two cases of representative medals.

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During the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from Brig.-General W. H. Sitwell and Mr. G. C. Humphreys. We understand that the latter may shortly have to undergo an operation for tonsilitis.

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The 1st Battalion Band, who stayed with us for the first week in July, had a very successful visit to the North-East Coast Exhibition. Their programmes were much appreciated and it was very gratifying to see so many Old Fusiliers amongst the audience. From all accounts, too, the two Drummers of the 1st Battalion who appeared in full dress uniform at the Assizes, created a very favourable impression.

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Extracts from Depôt Orders.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 24th May, 1929 ;—

4266776 Fus. M. Bennett	4266818 Fus. R. Cole
4266777 Fus. J. Ferguson	4266770 Fus. W. E. Ferguson
4263171 Fus. G. Graham	4266800 Fus. G. W. Humble
4446038 Fus. G. H. Hands	4266718 Fus. E. Harbron
4266717 Fus. J. W. Hewick	4266769 Fus. D. Nassau
4266825 Fus. W. D. Prime	4266768 Fus. J. Pinder
4266781 Fus. J. T. Robson	4266691 Fus. H. A. Stent
4266721 Fus. T. Siggens	4266707 Fus. P. V. Thompson
4266767 Fus. G. Weightman	4266802 Fus. E. Welford

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The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 19th June, 1929 ;—

4267105 Fus. J. W. Armstrong	4266969 Fus. T. Armstrong
4267130 Fus. W. Creed	4266715 Fus. J. Davison
4266819 Fus. G. D. Dent	4266804 Fus. W. D. Dunn
4267096 Fus. A. Flannagan	4267097 Fus. W. P. Foggin
4267175 Fus. J. W. Gibson	4266970 Fus. L. Harrison
4267049 Fus. J. Lawson	4267133 Fus. A. Middlemiss
4267095 Fus. J. D. O'Connor	4267109 Fus. J. Punshon
4266803 Fus. F. Smith	4266801 Fus. T. Younger

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Re-engagement.

No. 4257400 Sjt. G. B. Cross re-engaged on 3rd July, 1929, to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

No. 7075571 Sjt. W. Lawless re-engaged on 10th July, 1929, to complete 21 years' service with the Colours

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Strength :— Depôt Staff, 68. Recruits, 33 (19th July, 1929.)

Recruiting.

Recruits enlisted during the past Quarter :—23.

Newcastle-on-Tyne :—8

Durham :—8

Middlesborough :—7

Trades of the above before enlistment :—

10 Miners, 4 Labourers, 5 Farm Hands, 1 Fitter and Turner, 1 Bus Conductor, 1 Motor Driver, 1 Seaman.

Cricket.

29th June—*v.* Whitfield. Won by 19 runs.

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Cuthbert, b Baxter	16
Sjt. Finnamore, c Rutherford, b Leatherby	7
Lieut. Collingwood, b Leatherby	0
Capt. Hogshaw, c Moore, b Baxter	1
Cpl. Jarmain, c Yallop, b Baxter	4
Cpl. Taylor, b Baxter	20
Sjt. Jamieson, b Baxter	0
Fus. Sanderson, b Leatherby	9
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Baxter	0
R.S.M. Brockelsby, b Baxter	10
R.Q.M.S. Willson, not out	4
Extras	3
Total	74

WHITFIELD.

Mr. Rutherford, c Hogshaw, b Finnamore	10
Mr. Hewison, c Taylor, b Collingwood	4
Mr. Maughan, c Brockelsby, b Hogshaw	17
Mr. Baxter, b Hogshaw	0
Mr. Yallop, b Finnamore	1
Mr. Moore, b Finnamore	4
Mr. Rutherford, c Taylor, b Hogshaw	5
Mr. Leatherby, c Jarmain, b Hogshaw	1
Mr. Rutherford, not out	8
Mr. G. Moore, run out	3
Mr. Hitchinson, c Thornton, b Hogshaw	0
Extras	2
Total	55

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3rd July—*v.* Parish's, Ltd. Won by an innings and 13 runs.

PARISH'S, LTD.

1st innings.

Wood, b Collingwood	14
Heaton, b Collingwood	7
Robinson, run out	11
Arkley, b Cuthbert	0
Pickering, b Collingwood	1
Grey, b Jarmain	2
J. Parish, b Cuthbert	11
Thomas, c Chenevix-Trench, b Cpl. Jarmain	2
Bloomer, st Brockelsby, b Cuthbert	1
G. Parish, not out	5
Nobel, b Jarmain	0
Extras	6
Total	60

2nd innings.

Wood, c Willson, b Cuthbert	7
Heaton, b Collingwood	0
Robinson, c Jarmain, b Collingwood	1
Arkley, b Jarmain	0
Pickering, b Jarmain	2
Grey, b Cuthbert	2
Parish, st Brockelsby, b Cuthbert	0
Thomas, b Jarmain	17
Bloomer, c and b Cuthbert	0
Parish, c Thornton, b Collingwood	6
Nobel, not out	11
Extras	6
Total	52

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Cuthbert, c Pickering, b Wood	5
Cpl. Taylor, c Wood, b Pickering	5

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Lieut. Collingwood, b Pickering		69
Cpl. Jarmain, b Pickering		24
Sjt. Jamieson, b Wood		5
R.Q.M.S. Willson b Robinson		24
Maj. Chenevix-Trench	did not bat	
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton		
R.S M Brockelsby		
C.S.M. Curtis		
Fus. Maddison		
Extras		7
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)		139

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13th July—*v.* Sandyford. Lost by 84 runs.

SANDYFORD.

Elliott, b Jarmain	0
Goldberg, b Cuthbert	3
Atkinson, c Brockelsby, b Gent	22
Myer, b Gent	47
Telfor, b Gent	19
Burke, c and b Cuthbert	1
Richardson, c Thornton, b Cuthbert	0
Rutherford, run out	6
Collins, c Gent, b Jarmain	11
Forster, b Gent	8
Rutherford, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	130

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sjt. Gent, lbw, b Atkinson	4
Fus. Cuthbert, run out	0
Cpl. Jarmain, b Atkinson	0
R.Q.M.S. Willson, b Telfer	0
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Telfor	12
Sjt. Jamieson c Rutherford, b Atkinson	6
Sjt. Peppiatt, not out	14
R.S.M. Brockelsby, b Atkinson	0
Fus. Barnes, c Goldberg, b Atkinson	4
Fus. Arnott, c Rutherford, b Telfor	0
Fus. Sanderson, c Richardson, b Telfor	0
Extras	6
Total	46

Hockey.

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* PARISH'S, LTD. XI.

12th July, 1929.

Cpl. Turnbull.

Sjt. Gent. Sjt. Cross.

Sjt. Peppiatt. Sjt. Bowker. Cpl. Jamieson.

Cpl. Jarmain. R.S.M. Brocklesby. Cpl. Taylor.

C.S.M. Curtis. L/S. Horlington.

Umpires—R.Q.M.S. Willson, Sjt. Hunter.

Result—Draw, 1—1.

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,
23rd July, 1929.

IT is regretted that no notes appeared for last month's issue of the *Gazette*, but the writer pleads (a) lack of time in which to write them during the crowded period of Annual Training, and (b) the fact that the notes were due in, when Camp was only half over. A premature burst into print would have been an infringement of that sound saying, "It is no use shouting until you are out of the wood."

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Camp now being satisfactorily over for another year, we may safely indulge in an orgy of self praises.

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An unusual feature of this camp was the recruit squad, composed entirely of recruits with less than a fortnight's service. The smartness and keenness of this squad was very creditable, and we hope they enjoyed their first taste of camp life, and will bring many more recruits along next year.

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On the Sports side, we have no reason to be ashamed of ourselves, a short summary of the various events is recorded below.

Brigade Cross-Country Run.

In spite of having lost several of our best runners, notably Mr. Smith, we finished second in the Cross-Country Run, only 77 points behind the winners, the 6th Battalion, and with 319 points between second and third. We were well within striking distance of the winners up to the end, and all of the fifty odd competitors of the Battalion who turned out to run are to be congratulated on their good performance. The names of the first twenty in out of the Battalion are as follows :—

Fus. N. T. Fisher, "X" Company	6
Fus. A. Urwin, "Y" Company	7
Fus. K. Hogarth, "X" Company	8
Fus. M. Storey, "Y" Company	18
Lce.-Cpl. S. Towler, "Y" Company	19
Fus. T. Smith, "Y" Company	20
Fus. S. Wilkinson, "X" Company	22
Fus. T. Watson, "Y" Company	23
Fus. J. Haughan, "Y" Company	24
Fus. W. Batey, "Z" Company	26
Fus. J. Nesbit, "Z" Company	33
Fus. W. Santon, "W" Company	35
Fus. J. R. Anderson, "W" Company	37
Fus. R. A. Nicholson, "X" Company	38
Fus. W. L. Gerry, "X" Company	40
Fus. R. Hardy, "Y" Company	42
Fus. S. Grant, "Z" Company	48
2nd-Lieut. P. Cruddas, "X" Company ..	54
Fus. J. J. Dawson, "X" Company	57
Fus. J. Clarke, "Z" Company	67

Brigade Sports.

The Brigade Sports for the trophy presented by the Brigade Commander (Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.) proved a very popular and interesting innovation, in which we reached second place being beaten by one point by the 6th Battalion. We shall spare no effort to reverse this decision next year.

Our Tug-of-War Team are particularly to be congratulated on their performance, which was one of the outstanding features of the Sports. The Battalion was represented by the following team :—

Sjt. Veitch, H.Q. Wing.
Lce.-Cpl. Quinn, H.Q. Wing.
Sjt. Nixon, "Y" Company.
Cpl. Teasdale, "Y" Company.
Cpl. Liddle, "Y" Company.
Fus. Snowdon, "Y" Company.
Fus. G. T. Graham, "Y" Company.
Fus. Greener, "Z" Company.

Football Championship.

Our team again proved successful in the Brigade Football Competition, and, in beating the 7th Battalion in the Final, secured us the Cup for the seventh year in succession.

Newburn Detachment.

July, 1929.

Last month we were unable to produce any notes because we were in camp. Such a statement may not sound quite in the nature of things, but after all we Territorials are expected to be so horribly efficient on our twenty Training Season drills, that when we arrive in camp we simply haven't got the precious time for *Gazette* notes.

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What with pot-hunting-eye-wash, keeping our lines clean, pay, feeding, sleeping, working and more feeding, we cannot squeeze in any more spare time into our other spare time, consisting of changing our clothes, sports, walking-out, visiting Ripon and Harrogate, visiting other Units, and still more feeding, drinking-cum-blotting-paper, and so to bed.

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Champion Company Cup hunting is a curse. We have quite made up our minds about that, yet still we spit and still we polish, but oh! what lovely soldiers we are now!

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By the way, while we are on the question of Cups—hearty congratulations to "Y" (Haltwhistle) Company for holding on to the Champion Company Cup, also we must put on record our great appreciation of our very own Doubleyouemgeein-brackets Company for doing so well, being the runners-up. Better luck next time.

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"W" Company is undoubtedly handicapped owing to having to appear on parade in some of H.M. cast-off prison clothing, but shush! perhaps that has something to do with the new Company good conduct.

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Taking everything all round, we thoroughly enjoyed our camp. The weather was good, and the work not too hard. Our entertainments were numerous, such as Brigade and Battalion Sports, Cross Country Run, Swimming, Tennis, and even inspecting airships in our lighter moments. Besides, we had lots of Generals to see us, and they said such nice things about us that we blushed, and one Platoon Serjeant of "X" Company became so hot and bothered with compliments, that he ran away from a Brigade conference in confusion, and went sick next day . . . naughty, silly Serjeant!

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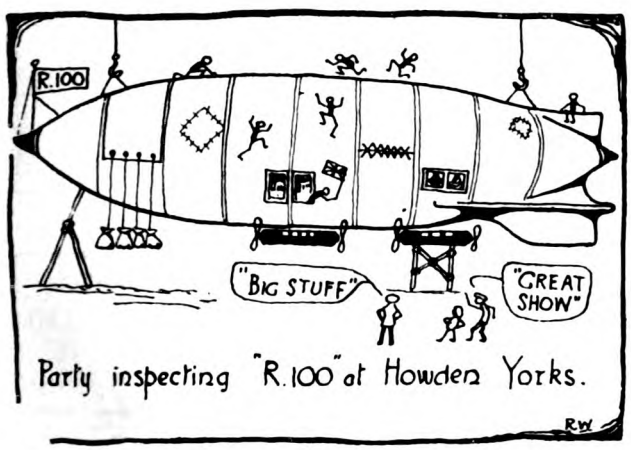
We had, however, our more serious moments, such as the sad spectacle of O.C. Prudhoe Guards slow marching beside

"Z" Company's "BODY" passing to Q.M. Stores.



Party inspecting "R.100" at Howden Yorks.

"The Body" carried in a blanket by two stout soldiers from our Hill station. However, when the procession reached the Q.M. stores, "The Body" turned out to be only "Z" Company's part-worn water bottles and damaged corks.

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At various periods during camp, parties of us went to Howden, and on one occasion we were quite gay.

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We arrived at the air shed too soon, and to fill in time we proceeded to the nearest village for tea, and in single file we entered a best-parlour-cafe by short, sharp rushes. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and the ecstatic hilarity of our

hostess was only excelled by the pretty little jokes of a Mr. Stockley, who was of the party—in fact, the proceedings became so much out of control that it was only with great force that the latter gentleman could be dragged away in time to inspect the airship.

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This latter function was carried out in great style, and was very interesting indeed. We inspected the whole ship from top to bottom, or from nose to rudder or something—in fact, we "swarmed" and inspected and climbed all over the ship.

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Our annual initiation ceremony took place as usual, but we were only able to collect one victim in the person of Mr. Cruddas. His face shone heroically throughout the proceeding, despite the dark murmurings and fiendish guttural noises of the onlooking sufferers of previous years. His haughty, valiant and defiant poise was, however, of no avail. His incriminating likeness to a brace of Commanding Officers, and the damning evidence of a military person called Barker, soon broke down the defence and secured the annual and inevitable verdict of "Guilty." The sentence was duly carried out.

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Congratulations to Capt. Hare on his new appointment with the Throckley Coal Company; we hope to see him complete his necessary drills with us next season, and so act as an extra relief.

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Capt. Charlewood and Capt. Gibson were only able to attend camp for the first week, and owing to illness Mr. McLellan could not come at all, so that we needed quite a lot of juggling to get ourselves sorted out.

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Mr. Smith has left the fold, and we missed him very much in the various sporting events, but we had a most excellent substitute in Mr. Cruddas, who has joined "X" Company.

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We have been very unfortunate this year, having lost quite a number of good Fusiliers who have been sent by that unscrupulous unemployment bureau to other parts of the globe, and still more have departed in their march of individual progress.

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C.S.M. "Tommy" Brown is now "somewhere in Lincolnshire," and his loss is greatly felt. The adaptability of our senior N.C.O.'s is greatly to be commended. Bandmaster Foster is a master hand quick-change artist. He appears alternately on parade as a Bandmaster, and then as a C.Q.M.S.; while C.S.M. Cowan, essentially a Signaller, now controls all the "Odd Gentlemen" of the Battalion with perfect equanimity.

Serjeants' Mess.

Hello! Here we are again. It is regretted, owing to pressure of work, that no notes were published last month.

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I hope Prudhoe will tell you all about the nice time we had at camp in his notes.

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On the 5th ult. an impromptu concert was held and the following entertained us:—

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Song	"A 1000 miles from the bush"	R.S.M. G. E. Newton
Song and Dance	"Four little fingers and a thumb"	Mr. R. Elliot
Piano Recital	"Beethoven's VII. Symphony"	C.Q.M.S. Jobson
	"How I joined the Transport"	Sjt. Veitch
Song	"Bolshevik"	Mr. Freeborn
Song	"Behold the monarch of the wood"	Mr. Graham
Song	"One of the Old Brigade"	C.S.M. Cowan
Song	"Flanigan's Band"	Sjt. Downie
Piano Recital	"Selected"	C.Q.M.S. Jobson
Song	"Sailor Boy"	Mr. T. Scott
Song	"Drinks all round"	Mr. H. Adams
Song	"Where the River Shannon flows"	Sjt. T. Kelly
Song	"Danny Boy"	Sjt. Simpson
Song	"Shinaniki Da"	R.S.M. G. E. Newton
Song	"Come back to Ireland and me"	C.S.M. A. J. Locke

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Our best thanks to Percy for making this impromptu a success.

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At the conclusion the R.S.M. thanked all members for the hard work they had done in camp, and the nice chit we obtained.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Stuart for second bar to Long Service Medal. Luke, may you live long to wear it. (Who said the oldest serving Fusilier?)

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A rumour reaches me that we are to expect "Pony" to pay us a visit in the near future, hence the shortage of flies reported in the cookhouse.

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We take this opportunity of welcoming Lce.-Sgts. F. Watson and R. Renwick to the fold on their appointment.

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The Annual Shoot took place on Sunday, 21st July; nearly all the members turned up and some keen shooting took place as follows:—

1—Sgt. P. Downie (after a tie)	61
2—Sjt. J. Stamp	61
3—Sjt. R. Turner	58
4—Sjt. T. McIvor	55
5—C.S.M. A. Locke	49
6—Sjt. T. Kelly	47
7—Sjt. H. McHugh	46
8—C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	44
9—R.Q.M.S. P. Connel	41
10—Sjt. Delaney	40
11—C.S.M. L. Stuart	37

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Congratulations to Sgt. Downie on winning the clock, and to Sgt. Stamp for the effort in trying to win it a second time.

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Many hard luck stories were told, but no doubt the wind had a lot to do with this.

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We have cast our weapons aside and armed ourselves with all the available utensils for the Brigade Commander's Inspection.

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A certain member has been ordered to kill all spiders at first sight in case they build any cob-webs during the night.

M.G.

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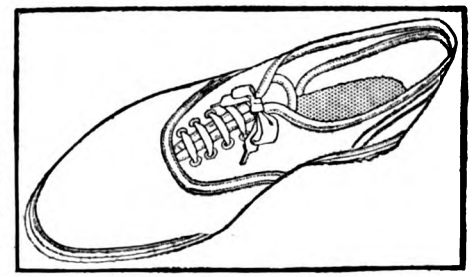

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5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,
July, 1929.

"TO travel hopefully is better than to arrive," said R.L.S. In the T.A. we appear to be always travelling hopefully. In every branch of our training, in all our schemes, in the ideals of Battalion Commanders, or the putting into practice of Company Commanders' little fads and idiosyncrasies, we set out hopefully, and the surprising thing is that we usually arrive, or at any rate travel an unthought-of distance—sometimes beyond the expectations of our superiors.

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Next year our Organisation changes somewhat and the future seems rather hazy, but we will continue to "travel hopefully" with our flags instead of guns, and one man representing three, etc., in the hope that we may arrive at that satisfactory stage termed "most efficient."

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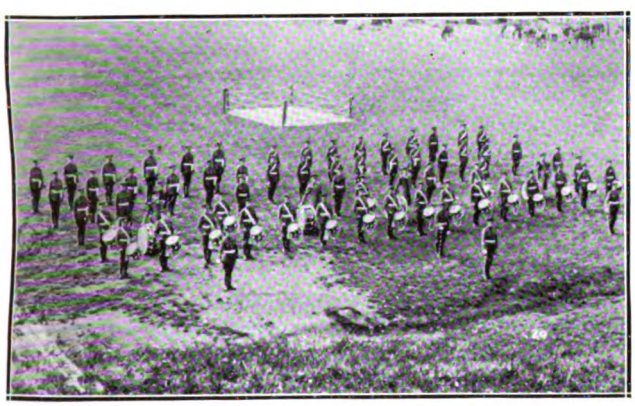
Continuing our notes from last month, we regret that Camp ended all too soon, the remaining few days passing very quickly



MASSED DRUMS AT RIPON

in the quiet preparations that were made for "The Battalions will return to Home stations."

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Our W.O.'s and Serjeants held their Annual "Smoker" on Wednesday evening of the 26th June, and at the invitation of the President, the C.O. and all the Officers attended in force. Musical items were rendered by Sjts. Pringle, Dinning, Dixon, and several others, not forgetting our Bandmaster who conducted a quartette.

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The C.O. and Officers were welcomed by R.S.M. Tyrrell on behalf of the Mess. In the course of his reply, the Commanding Officer mentioned the unveiling of the 50th Divisional War Memorial at Wieltje, Ypres, which is to take place on 1st September, and hopes that a good muster of the W.O.'s and Serjeants of the Battalion would make the trip.

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We departed from Ripon on the 30th (Sunday) at about 9.30 a.m. and arrived at our Home station minus two of our trucks. These, by some mischance had gone astray, and the Adjutant, by means of the telephone and his unrivalled persuasive powers recalled them from Northallerton some two days afterwards. When they arrived at Walker, drawn by a powerful "Pacific" 4-0-4 engine, thus was history made at Walker Station. The other three trucks were jumbled up between Walker and Wallsend and the unloading party, after working like Trojans, got away from the Drill Hall at about 5 p.m.

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So far only one Company has paid out bounties, "D" Company having paid out on Monday and Tuesday, the 15th and 16th, "C" Company will be paying out on the 23rd, and "B" Company on the 30th.

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Our Annual Inspection in Quarters takes place on 2nd August. Of late Company Commanders have been anxiously conning Army Forms E. 549 and A. Books 216. We hope the Brigade Commander will find them in apple pie order.

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The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Anderson have kindly invited the Officers and wives, and also the W.O.'s and Serjeants and their wives to a Garden Party to be held at the Commanding Officer's House at Wylam on 10th August, a further account of which will be given next month.

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This year, no Battalion Rifle Meeting is to be held, but the Battalion will be competing at the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting at Ponteland on 3rd, 4th and 5th August.

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Teams have been entered for the "Bourne" Cup, 50th Divisional Cup, Freeman's, Earl Grey Shield and Co-operative Union Cup. Next month we hope to record our successes.

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Just now there may be seen in trains, buses, trams, hackney carriages, and, twice a week at Walker, fairly old, grey, worried looking men, taking furtive peeps at little red books. These are our Company Commanders who are hoping to pass into upper circles *via* Majors promotion, subjects A—Z. If you see them please do not interrupt them, on the other hand, if you spot a number of gay young lads about town, mostly accompanied by members of the opposite sex or diving into the briny at the coast with the mermaids to be found there, you may be sure they are 5th Battalion Subalterns studying for Certificate "A." These may be safely offered a drink.

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Our strength to-day is 18 Officers and 582 other ranks.

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A feature of this year's camp was the number of Regular Army Officers, some of our own, others of different regiments who were attached to us in an advisory capacity. We take this opportunity of thanking all of them for their help and trust that this close liaison between the Regular and the T.A. will continue:

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A further example of this liaison is seen in the Machine Gun concentration which is to be held at Wathgill, Catterick. The following N.C.O.'s have been selected to attend :—4259471 Sjt. J. Robson, 4258463 Sjt. J. L. Robertson, 4263554 Lce.-Sjt. T. W. Fellows, 4262555 Lce.-Sjt. M. Hutton, 4262941 Cpl. R. Millen, 4259336 Cpl. J. Reynolds.

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The M.G. Officers have been kindly invited to attend during certain periods while the Brigade Commander is attending the

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Brigade Attack Scheme, on 10th August, and he has invited any Officer of the Brigade who wishes to see the display to accompany him. Thus the close liaison between the Regular Army and ourselves grows apace.

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A number of Officers attended the Tattoo at York and were very impressed by what they saw. It is also rumoured that the driving home in the "wee sma' 'ours" was also—er—impressive.

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We take great pleasure in recording the fact that this year is the anniversary of 21 years of close association between the 149th Field Ambulance and ourselves. For 21 years they have messed with us in camp, and have closely allied themselves to us in many ways. We have already expressed the wish to Colonel Errington and Officers of the 149th Field Ambulance, that this alliance will grow stronger with the years (if any further binding be possible), and that the annual camp of 21 years ahead will find us looking forward to celebrating the "Golden Wedding."

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A sleuth-hound has been imported from the United States and is at present engaged in tracking down the person or persons who were reported to have slept the sleep of the just on the Mess sofa at Ripon. Any person giving information will be unsuitably rewarded.

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The Battalion hopes to be represented by a number of Officers, W.O.'s and Serjeants, at the unveiling of the 50th Divisional War Memorial at Weiltje, Ypres, on 1st September.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
July, 1929.

WITH Camp properly in focus, we are now in a position to digest our training, strive to remember all we have been taught and to forget the things we ought never to have learnt.

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Our fortnight, so far as the Officers are concerned, will be remembered for these outstanding features—the presence of our First Battalion Officers, the excellent weather, and, last but not least, the excellent Mess catering. Our Chief Umpire protested, on numerous occasions, that he was being overfed, and doubted if his clothes would last the course. In throwing his last bouquet on Friday his belt broke, and our P.M.C., who had already received a mention that day, earned another bar.

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For the Rank and File, we hope that the Camp will have proved a great stimulus towards attaining a high soldierly standard. No one seemed to be overworked except the Quartermaster, and good food, with an accessible Training Area, must have given our Fusiliers a wish to repeat the same item as often as it is presented. We hope it will prove a great aid to recruiting, and with a reminder that next year's Camp will be at Catterick in a Divisional Camp, where the Units will vie with each other in attending to the catering, we feel we can safely leave the result of our efforts to be advertised by those who served this year.

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The Machine Gun Company more than justified themselves. They speedily developed a team spirit, and the merger of the Machine Gun Platoon, encouraged by Mr. France throwing his spurs over his left shoulder, proved a simple task and one that was accepted by all in the best of sporting spirit. The Machine Gun Company was debarred from competing for the Duke's Cup, but their lines and other qualifications won the Worsley-Gough Cup. They made great strides in the realm of Sport, being finalists in the Football Cup and proving immovable in the Tug-of-War.

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The other Companies were so much on a par from a training point of view, that the judges must have experienced a deal of difficulty in finding a winner for the Duke's Cup. "C" Company, however, won it, and Capt. Carrick is much to be congratulated upon the way his Company worked. A conspicuous characteristic was undoubtedly the drive and imagination of his Platoon and Section Leaders, and if one Company ever will condescend to learn from another, one might point out that no Platoon or Section Leader should cease in the Field from considering possibilities, trying to meet every phase and consistently thinking of every detail. An empty mind is as much a nuisance to a Company Commander as an empty glass to a Platoon Serjeant.

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If we take the successors in alphabetical order, "A" Company deserve every praise. They proved that they could overcome the great handicap of their Company Commander's absence, and were well handled by Mr. Gardner, who showed himself a willing learner and speedily had the whole backing of his Company. Capt. Graham's absence was much to be regretted, but it would have been difficult to find a temporary successor without encroaching on one of Capt. Rutherford's pupils. They were a good second to "B" Company in the Cross-Country Run, Sports Cup, and Recruits' Boxing.

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Of "B" Company, one must write carefully and slowly, knowing as we do that they consider they are the Battalion. It would be difficult to find a keener set of soldiers who are also great sportsmen. They won the Cross-Country Run, the Football Cup, the Recruits' Boxing Cup and the Sports Cup, although in some of these they had close followers in the other Companies, in fact, so close that they will have to work hard next year to keep this pace going. We hear that the Machine Gun Company Commander has noticed some silver which his merry men do not possess.

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Our Commanding Officer paid a special and well-earned tribute to the Transport Section on the eve of our departure. They have never made a better show in Camp, both in the Lines and by their general appearance. Sjt. Shipley put up a very good effort at the Ripon Agricultural Show—we were third for General Turn-out and second in the Ride and Drive contest. Fus. Farbridge is much to be congratulated upon the way he handled a somewhat unruly pair of light draughts, and those who had seen them in the first few days of Camp will appreciate his performance.

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On Sunday, the 23rd June, we had many visitors to luncheon after the Brigade Cross-Country Run.

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A special word of praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, and incidentally Mr. Stoddart may be remembered as a Mess Serjeant with the 6th Reserve Battalion during the War. It is always difficult to imagine how the fare provided for the Officers was forthcoming, and certainly its production must have involved real hard work for almost 20 hours out of the 24 on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart. It may help them to know that their efforts were much appreciated by Officers and guests alike.

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We were most pleased to see our Lord Mayor with us, and as usual, he made a tactful speech when he presented the Brigade Cross-Country Cup. We have striven for years to inculcate the spirit of running for a Company or a Battalion, and holding out only the faintest hope of a laurel wreath for a victor. This year in our Battalion Sports, we gave some winners watches and clocks, feeling with Mr. Punch, that whilst a laurel wreath would inevitably disappear, we were presenting something that would never go.

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The Lord Mayor paid a visit to the Serjeants' Mess, where he received a loyal welcome, and to everyone's joy, he sang the song "Northumberland," to music written by the Lady Mayoress. We would much have liked to see more of the Newcastle Council amongst us, but next year at Catterick, which will be a rendezvous of so much of the North Country's Territorial Army, we hope more of our Corporation will visit us.

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Quite a deal of time was wasted over a small loan from the *Daily Mail* called a Push-ball. Its appearance in Camp during training hours opened our eyes to the number of those who only "stand and wait." True, we discovered much the same thing when a corresponding prospect of excitement in the way of a Fire Alarm was introduced, but certainly the light duty men, if not heavy enough, were certainly keen Push-ball players. No doubt it did them a deal of good.

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We were deputed, as the result of a draw, to find a team to oppose the local talent, at this game for Ripon Show, and those that saw it would not be impressed with its possibilities. The game ended in a draw, free obstructions as authorised—by Lord Rothermere's satellite proving a great stumbling block, in all senses, to an open game. Otherwise the "No. 9" was a great adjunct to a brighter Ripon and was especially useful after Mess. So long as the Army is not a democratic institution and Brigade H.Q.'s can play downhill, our Officers' team will stand a poor chance.

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Of the actual Training itself, much could be said, but with the inclusion in last month's *Gazette* of some Brigade notes (and we hope for a repetition this month), it would be idle for a dripping merchant to speak. More, possibly than ever before, was accomplished, although less time from door to door was utilised. This, of course, was entirely due to the easy access to the Training Area, the good weather (not too hot), and the invaluable aid of the Regular Officers with the Cadre Platoon. The Platoon Training must have been most useful, for the ease with which the Companies seemed to shake out into Company Training on their first day, was something of a novelty, and says a deal for all Section Leading Courses and classes at the Depôt.

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We feel that the tactful handling of the Machine Gun has been well rubbed in to all Companies, but all Units, even down to Sections, if a lesson dare be preached, must pay more attention to the places covered by Machine Gun Fire, rather than the spots from which the guns are firing.

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The Brigade days were most instructive, and on our own venture we had the stimulus of our Divisional Commander's presence.

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We were pleased to have with us for a week as a serving Officer, Lieut. H. E. Wilson, who is on the Reserve, and at home on a short spell of leave from Nigeria. In a camp where the machine gun was the conspicuous training weapon, his knowledge and help were most useful, and we much appreciate

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COL. WARD:-ALDAM WITH LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT AND LIEUT.-COL. WILKINSON.

the sporting spirit that brought him to us again. We all hope this effort will be repeated when next Nigeria can spare him.

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The Q.M. Departments were as hard-worked as ever, and Sjt. Buchanan, with Cpl. Bright and the Cooks, came in for the usual amount of inspection and congratulation. Difficulties were not so serious as in previous camps, and Sjt. Buchanan certainly made the most of his opportunities of producing the goods.

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We gather from enquiries that the Serjeants' Mess was run in a most satisfactory manner, and the Officers are grateful for much kind help from all the members.

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The music in the Serjeants' Mess seems to reach a higher standard every year, and with the "Laughter-Makers" in full song in camp, they provided a very high-class entertainment.

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The Y.M.C.A. authorities are specially grateful for the per-

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formance that was given in the Y.M.C.A. Tent, and all who heard it spoke very well of our Serjeants' efforts.

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They were very good at the Show they put up in the Drill

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MAJ.-GEN. NEWCOME PRESENTING SPORTS TROPHY TO LIEUT.-COL. WILKINSON.

Hall last winter, but they have improved enormously since then, and apart from the music one was very much impressed with the acting.

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Mr. Crosse and his Band were great assets to our camp life. Their appearance this year is certainly a great improvement upon other years, and we honestly think it would be exceedingly difficult to find a Territorial Unit with better musicians. We wish them all success in their appearance at the North-East Coast Exhibition, and feel sure that those who hear them will appreciate our comments.

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Quite one of the most picturesque and inspiring sights was the Massed Drums of the Brigade under Drum-Major Snowdon. The setting of the Battalion Parade Ground in the low ground was ideal when reviewed from above. Our Drums showed great improvement this year, and with the Band they show the finish in appearance, as in music, that is expected from a body of men who always draw the eyes, and ears, of the populace.

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To those who were with us we can only echo our Commanding Officer's words, that the conduct and keenness of all Ranks during camp would alone serve as an inspiration for service in all senses of the word, and while we know that we are not the only Battalion that can express this thought, we trust that the best appreciation all Ranks can show for a fortnight they enjoyed, is to continue with us and encourage others to join.

Sports.

We were successful this year in winning the Brigade Cross-Country Run, but the actual winner over a very difficult course, finishing through the River, was Fus. Timiney, of the 5th Battalion, who is much to be congratulated upon defeating Sjt. Fife (last year's winner). The actual points scored by the Battalion were 547.

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Brigade Sports were held for the first time since the war, and the Brigade Commander kindly presented a magnificent trophy to be held by the winning Battalion. We won this by the narrow margin of 1 point from the 4th Battalion, who ran very level second teams against us in four events, won the Tug-of-War, and defeated us in the Message Race. The Sports were undoubtedly a great success, and our own experience was the difficulty of picking our teams from amongst so many keen to represent the Battalion in the team events.

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We were defeated in the first round of the Brigade Football Cup by the 7th Battalion, but put up a good fight, particularly towards the end.

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In our own Battalion events, the Sports Cup, as a ready mentioned, went to " B " Company, who always seem to produce some young soldier who never knew before that he could run. There are lots of this type in our ranks, and every opportunity should be taken to discover good runners, though it is true almost the only chance a Company Commander would have is to make his Company double home from the Training Area.

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The Cross-Country Cup was also won by " B " Company, who showed their usual good team work, and this Company also won the Football Cup, after a keen final against the Machine Gun Company.

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The Recruits' Boxing Contests again proved a great draw, and the Competitors were as keen as ever. The contest was won by " B " Company, with " A " Company a good second. Thanks to Sjt. Welsh and the Pioneers, the Ring was soon erected, and one could not send in our Camp Notes without

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THE LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE PRESENTING BRIGADE CROSS COUNTRY CUP TO LIEUT.-COL. WILKINSON.

a tribute to those who really did so much to help at all odd hours to prepare Sports and Football Grounds.

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The results of the various Battalion sporting events were as follows :—

Battalion Cross-Country Cup.

Position.	Rank and Name.	Company	Points.
1	Fus. Minnikin (" A " Coy.)	" A "	224
2	Fus. Mann (" B " Coy.)	" B "	307
3	Lce.-Cpl. Cowan (" A " Coy.) ..	" C "	104
4	Fus. McCabe (H.Q. Wing)	M.G.	122
5	Lce.-Cpl. Scarle (" A " Coy.) ..	H.Q.	63
6	Lce.-Cpl. Merritt (" A " Coy.)		

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Battalion Football Cup.

M.G. Company beat " C " Company.
" B " Company beat " A " Company.
M.G. Company beat H.Q. Wing.
Final.—" B " Company beat M.G. Company by 5 goals to 3.

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Battalion Sports.

100 *Yards.*—1, " B " Company ; 2, " C " Company ; 3, " A " Company ; 4, M.G. Company ; 5, H.Q. Wing.
220 *Yards.*—1, " B " Company ; 2, " C " Company ; 3, " A " Company ; 4, M.G. Company ; 5, H.Q. Wing.
440 *Yards.*—1, " B " Company ; 2, " A " Company ; 3, " C " Company ; 4, H.Q. Wing ; 5, M.G. Company.
880 *Yards.*—1, " A " Company ; 2, " C " Company ; 3, " B " Company ; 4, M.G. Company.
One Mile.—1, " A " Company ; 2, " B " Company ; 3, " C " Company ; 4, M.G. Company and H.Q. Wing.
Medley Relay Race.—1, " B " Company ; 2, M.G. Company ; 3, " C " Company ; 4, " A " Company ; 5, H.Q. Wing.
Message Relay Race.—1, " B " Company ; 2, H.Q. Wing ; 3, M.G. Company ; 4, " C " Company ; 5, " A " Company.
Band Race.—1, Bdsmn. Fergus ; 2, Bdsmn. Lumsden.
Tug-of-War.—H.Q. Wing beat " B " Company ; M.G. Company beat " C " Company ; H.Q. Wing beat " A " Company.
Final.—M.G. Company beat H.Q. Wing.

Markings for Companies.—

" A " Company	32 points.
" B " Company	42 "
" C " Company	30 "
M.G. Company	24½ "
H.Q. Wing	16½ "

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Recruits' Boxing.

Fly-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Marshall (" A " Company) ; Runner-up, Fus. Sinclair (" A " Company).
Bantam-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Anderson (" A " Company) ; Runner-up, Fus. Atkinson (" A " Company).
Feather-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Campbell (" B " Company) ; Runner-up, Fus. Smurthwaite (" A " Company).
Light-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Walton (" B " Company) ; Runner-up, Fus. Heenan (" B " Company).

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Company Markings.
" A " Coy. 48 ; " B " Coy. 54 ; " C " Coy. 6 ; M.G. Coy. 1.

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The Miniature Shooting Cup for the year 1928–9 was won by " C " Company, and the Team have each received a Medal suitably inscribed ; whilst the members of the Team from " B " Company, who won the Cup the previous year, have also been presented with similar Medals for that occasion.

We have received the following notes form Mr. Field, our Signalling Officer :—

" The Signal Section, with a strength in Camp of 21, carried out a very interesting course of training under Mr. Binney, of the Cameronians, as Brigade Signalling Officer. At the end of the period 12 N.C.O.'s and Men classified out of this number, 9 obtaining 100 %.

" Perhaps the night operations carried out on the second Tuesday are worthy of note as the most instructive and interesting item in the training. The 5th Battalion left camp at 8 p.m., and took up an Outpost position by 11 p.m., which they held until 4 a.m. the next morning. The four Signal Sections of the Brigade, under Mr. Binney, accompanied the 5th Battalion and laid many miles of cable between Battalion H.Q. and Company H.Q., and to another imaginary Battalion and Artillery Brigade.

" That the Outpost line was held under realistic conditions was discovered by a Signalling Officer and Serjeant who failed to give the Password to a challenging Sentry and were forthwith marched under escort to Company H.Q. to be identified.

" Our thanks are due to Mr. Binney for the able and energetic way in which he carried out an intensive yet thoroughly enjoyable course of training. We wish him and the faithful ' Doctor ' the best of luck."

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We revived our Battalion Musketry Day for the first time since the War, and feel that the experience justifies repetition. Ponteland was at its best, and the usual west wind was exceedingly welcome, though at times the light on the targets was none too good. The grass, too, hindered observation from some of the more remote firing points.

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Competitors were limited to 15 per Company, and each Company sent its quota, the best scoring being done by " C " Company, who won the new Shooting Cup, presented by an anonymous donor. The points were :—" A " Company, 36 ; " B " Company, 34 ; H.Q. Wing, 32 ; " A " Company, 24 ; M.G. Company, 22.

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Below are given the results of the various Competitions :—

The Dawson Competition, Machine Gun teams of four—1, " B " team : Lieut. Crisp, Lce.-Cpl. Kennedy, Fusiliers Brotherton, Swan ; 2, " D " team.

The Carrick Competition, teams of four, one team per Company —1, H.Q. team : R.Q.M.S. Boyd, Sjt. Rhodes, Lce.-Cpl. Sell, Fus. Laidler ; 2, " B " Company.

The Bell Competition ; teams of eight ; one team per Company. —1, Machine Gun Company, Team : Lieut. France, Lieut. Stephenson, Lieut. Crisp, Sjt. Sergant, Sjt. Walton, Fusiliers Tearse, Brotherton, Sjt. Johnson. Score, 239 ; 2, " B " Company. Score, 211.

The Wilkinson Competition ; teams of five ; one team per Company.—1, " A " Company, 51 points : C.S.M. Hoggins, C.Q.M.S. Bowman, Sjt. Simpson, Cpl. Walton, Cpl. Slipper ; 2, H.Q. Wing, 48 points.

The Bennett Competition ; four recruits per Company.—1, " B " Company, 52 points ; 2, " C " Company, 42 points. Winning team : Fusiliers Dawson, Heenan, Carver, McCarthy.

The France Competition ; recruits who obtain the highest scores in the Bennett Competition.—1, Fus. Sinclair, " A " Company, 24 points ; 2, Fus. McCarthy, " B " Company, 22 points.

The Clayton Competition, four of any rank per Company.—

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1, Sjt. W. Fife, 110 points ; 2, Sjt. Rhodes, 91 points ; 3, Sjt. Potts, 85 points ; 4, Cpl. Graves, 83 points ; 5, R.Q.M.S. Boyd, 82 points ; 6, Sjt. McAnnely, 77 points.

The Rutherford Competition, four of any rank per Company, fired in conjunction with the Clayton Competition.—1, "C" Company, 149 points ; 2, M.G. Company, 144 points. Winning team : Fusiliers Kennedy, Hartley, Watts, Henderson.

Officers *v.* Serjeants, best eight scores of each side to count.—Serjeants, 346 points ; Officers, 208 points. Members of winning side : Sjt. Johnston, C.Q.M.S. Bowman, Sjt. Sergant, R.S.M. O'Hara, Sjt. Rhodes, C.S.M. Hoggins, Sjt. McAnnely, Sjt. Fife. Officers' shoot :— Lieut. France, 49 points ; Capt. Bennett, 44 points ; Lieut. Stephenson, 38 points.

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Mrs. Wilkinson, the wife of our Commanding Officer, presented, on the Field, the Winter Training Cup to "C" Company, and the Musketry Cup to H.Q. Wing. This last Cup is for consistent firing and attendance on the various Musketry days before Camp—and H.Q. Wing with their numerous sections and sub-sections did exceedingly well, both from an organisation and a shooting point of view.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

25th July, 1929.

WE regret that the June number appeared with no 7th Battalion news. Whilst no excuse can be good enough excuse for this lapse, we do plead in mitigation that the last week in June was a very busy week and a very hot week. And the programme of a T.A. Battalion during Annual Training offers few opportunities to drop the sword and seize the jolly old stylo.

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A Regular Officer in the June number having described the camp of the 149th Brigade in glowing terms we are content to leave it at that, endorsing heartily all the flattering things he put across regarding us. His kindly sentiments are reciprocated, only more so. It was of great value from all points of view to have so many 1st Battalion Officers living with us and helping us.

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The competition for the Platoon Drill Trophy was held on the second Tuesday in camp—25th June, and provoked the customary intense rivalry and excitement. We congratulate Sjt. Guy and his No. 10 Platoon of "C" Company most heartily on carrying off the trophy for the fourth year in succession in the teeth of the fiercest competition. Seven points only divided the winners from the points gained by Lieut. Sanderson's No. 5 Platoon. This Officer is to be congratulated on bringing his platoon so near to victory and on being the first Subaltern in the history of the competition to bring his Platoon into the final.

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We now know why a certain Company Commander spent 15/- on telephone calls and drove his Bentley 300 miles to kidnap one, Fusilier Rogerson, from his employer at Warkworth in order that the said Rogerson might fulfil his military obligation at Ripon. Had Rogerson not been on parade at 5 p.m. on 25th June, No. 10 Platoon would have forfeited 10 points and the Drill Trophy would have passed from "C" to "B" Company by the narrow margin of 3 points. "It's dogged as does it."

The Battalion feels happy about its 1929 training. In all 18 Officers and 512 Other Ranks attended. In every department things went with the smoothness and absence of fuss that can only be achieved by a happy and confident team. The camp site was excellent and the weather ideal. The training programme gave full military value for our 15 days, whilst still giving reasonable opportunities for recreation. The men acquitted themselves well and there was no case of misconduct for the C.O. from start to finish. Nobody was drowned and nobody injured.

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Perhaps the P.R.I., the Q.M., and Sjt. Marr and his cooks were at the bottom of it all. Sjt. Marr didn't make the sun shine but if it hadn't we shouldn't have noticed it at meal times. The men's messing department stood out in this training of 1929 as being as near perfection in quality, quantity and comfort as anything can become in this imperfect world. This result is only achieved as a result of a lot of hard work and real skill and this department deserves the kindest things that any of us can say of its work.

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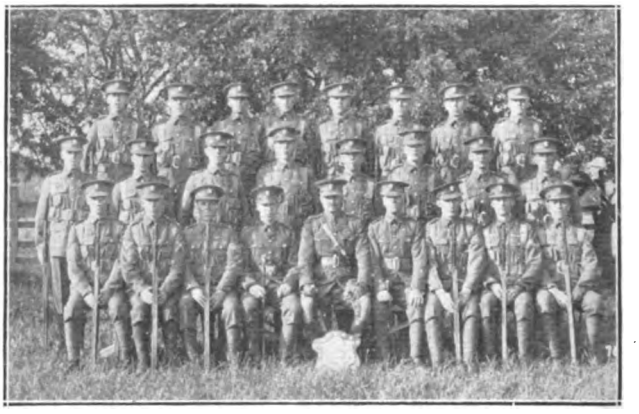
The transport, under Capt. Dargie and Sjt. Dodds, again



CAPT. J. C. CARR-ELLISON AND SJT. W. GUY'S NO. 10 PLATOON OF "C" COY. Winners of the Drill Trophy, 1929, for the fourth successive year.

pulled off the blue riband by winning the Brigade Competition for the 7th Battalion. With animals they had never seen until 10 days previously and vehicles parked in a wet cellar for 50 weeks in the year, their turn-out has to be seen to be believed. To say that it is up to the highest regular army standard inadequately describes the results of their work.

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Many distinguished friends of the Battalion came to see us, Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., Col. Reavell, Major Smail, the Mayor of Morpeth among them.

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Especially were we fortunate in having as our guests for one night Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. G. E. Pemberton and Lieut. and Adjutant F. H. Butterfield, all 1st Battalion. This team of judges for our Drill Competition saved our lives for no 7th Battalion Officer would dare to offer his services in the cut-throat contest.

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A fitting wind up to our camp was an informal gathering

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where the C.O. announced to the assembled Battalion that the names of the following stalwarts had appeared in Army Orders as having qualified for the Territorial Efficiency Medal for 12 years' efficient service. Medals will be presented at a later date.

4259006 R.Q.M.S. Hall, T.
4258794 C.S.M. Bailey, T. C. W.
4259660 Clr.-Sjt. Cook, E.
4261010 Clr.-Sjt. Luke, J.
4259493 Clr.-Sjt. Turnbull, R. J.
4260036 Sjt. Costello, J.
4258818 Sjt. Moore, M. Discharged.
4258373 Sjt. Robinson, G. W. Deceased.
209445 Sjt. Skelly, J.
4258816 Cpl. Mitchell, H.
4258994 Fus. Geggie, R.
4258815 Bdsmn. Mitchell, J.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 534 Other Ranks.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
July, 1929.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. Price, 10/- each.

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Our attention has been called to the official organ of the Salonika Re-union Association, published under the appropriate title of *The Mosquito*, which should prove of interest to all those who served in Macedonia during the years 1915–19. It will enable them to keep in touch with the activities of the Re-union Association and to keep alive the strong spirit of comradeship evinced during the years spent on that front.

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Subscriptions due in August :—

Mr. R. M. Hill
Sits.' Mess, "B" Company, 4th Bn.
Mr. Walter Smith
Mr. C. A. Chappell
Lieut. R. J. Middlemas

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker
Mrs. Arkwright
Capt. C. R. L. English
Lieut. H. Hopper

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have received the following amounts towards the cost of repairing the South African Memorial :—

Major B. T. St. John .. .. .. £2 2s.
Brig.-General C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G. £1 1s.

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON, Maj.-Gen.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

London Area.

General Meeting.

A QUARTERLY General Meeting was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 3rd July, when, in the unavoidable absence of our President and Treasurer, Lt.- Col. C. P. Hawkes and Col. D. Sapte, the duties of Chairman were carried out by our newly-elected Vice-President, Geo. Redhead, Esq. There were about fifty Comrades present, including Maj. G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O., and Capt. J. I. Rowland.

The principle items on the agenda were :—

(1) The passing of the accounts for St. George's Day Celebration and the Wreath Ceremony at the Cenotaph, cost of which amounted to £27 9s. 2d.

(2) Election of a Comrade to serve on the Committee to represent the Post-War Comrades. (Mr. A. O. Gibson was elected.)

(3) The Hon. Secretary's report, in which mention was made of the number of members who had recently joined, etc., making the total strength of the O.C.A. 393, as follows :—Officers, 79 ; Other Ranks, 201 ; Ladies, 113. Assistance had been obtained for 4 Comrades in distress.

(4) The promotion of Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., also Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.

We were also glad to see our Comrade, Pat Feeney, amongst us again, having recovered from a recent illness.

There are still a good number of our Comrades on the Unemployed List, and although an appeal had been made, the results were extremely poor ; it was therefore hoped that members will do their utmost to assist the Hon. Secretary to solve this great problem.

After the General Meeting a Whist Drive and Social was held, but unfortunately the attendance was rather meagre, possibly due to the heat wave, or many being on holidays. At the same time it is thought that a Dance is mostly favoured by our members.

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The next General Meeting will be held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 25th September, 1929.

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The Re-Union Dinner will be held at the same rendezvous as last year, on Armistice Night, when we hope to beat all previous records. Please book this date.

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The Hon. Secretary received a visit from an Old Fifth Fusilier, namely Mr. J. B. Beckingham, well known to us as a great cricketer.

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Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes.

PRESIDENTS of Regimental or Service Institutes who are desirous of supporting the campaign in favour of "buying British" are reminded that the Quarterly Price Lists of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, issued in the United Kingdom, give clear indication of the goods which are of British or Empire origin.

The Corporation has in addition recently prepared a poster and leaflet in support of this campaign. A supply of the posters, which are suitable for Barrack Rooms and offices, and of leaflets for distribution to Messes and Married Quarters, will gladly be provided if application is made to the Institute Manager or Manageress.

Both poster and leaflet emphasize the advantages to the Empire and to the Services of buying British through the Regimental and Service Institutes.

The alterations in the rates of rebate, *viz.*, a decrease of 2% in the rate of rebate and an increase of 2% in the rate of extra rebate, which came into force in May last, have been dealt with in a brief pamphlet entitled "Rebate or Extra Rebate," issued by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes. Administrative officers, members of Institute Committees and others who may be interested in conserving the income which is derived from rebate, should apply to District, Group or Institute Managers for copies.

A Holiday Suggestion.

Canada as the World's Playground.

FROM A CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT.

CANADA is the new playground for vigorous men. Those of a soldierly spirit are finding in her great mountains, her streams, her lakes, her incomparable trails a kinship congenial to the kindly vigours of a disciplined body and the eagerness of an adventurous mind.

Europe is becoming too small. The war made even Egypt and Turkey woefully familiar and to an increasing extent the trend of holiday traffic in the Old World is passing westward to the New.

Time was when a trans-Channel trip was an adventure. Its achievement gave the hall-mark to the man of the world and provided the baptism of cosmopolitanism to a regiment. But the Channel has shrunk to a thread, and now even the Atlantic has diminished to the width of a step.

Splendid travel facilities and low fares have taken the Dominion to the same range as Ireland occupied at the end of the last century.

What are her attractions? The flow of visitors is the measure of the appeal of Canada's attractions. Last year the tourist traffic to Canada brought a sum of roughly £40,000,000 to the Dominion. It is now, indeed, one of the major industries of the country, but it is not allowed to develop indiscriminately or to apotheosize the commercial as opposed to the scenic aspect. Your paper bag picnicker and bottle scatterer would have short shrift in Banff. Canada is becoming the playground of the people of the world, but she is jealous of her amenities and is out to preserve them. Our own despoilers might take a leaf from her book, particularly in respect of the banning of mighty hoardings and the control of the jerry builder.

What are the attractions besides that of orderliness which the West is offering to Colonel X—— and ex-Sergeant Y——? There are the beauties of an unspoilt land; great fishing rivers; wide forests where they may walk and not be bothered by fellow mortals; motor spins which outrival anything Britain has to offer; hunting; canoeing; trail-riding; camping—the whole gamut of healthful activities under conditions as closely approaching to the ideal as one can conceive in an imperfect world.

One of the principal methods by which Canada is exploiting the miracle of her scenery is by improving the accommodation afforded to visitors, while at the same time leaving the countryside itself in a virgin state. There is arising, therefore, the anamoly of luxurious homes, complete with every modern device, standing in lands which have been untouched since the beginning of time. Here, from convenient centres, one may make daily expeditions to shoot ducks, geese, and other small game; while in more remote districts which are usually reached by wagon road, trail or canoe routes, one may have sport in season with bear, moose, deer, wildcat, wolf, partridge, pheasant, plover, prairie chicken, quail, snipe or woodcock.

For budding Izaac Waltons there are innumerable lakes and well stocked streams; for lovers of natural beauty huge national parks have been set aside where for days one may wander in a teeming world of beauty; and for the traveller there are trail-rides on the phantom wake of pioneers of the dim days.

Bungalow camps; camp fires; lazy sunny days; mild excitements on tourist ranches; lonely treks; the scaling of some of the finest mountains in the world—but the list is endless. Moreover he who tries to exhaust it would lay himself open to the charge of exaggeration.

It is but right, however, that jaded Britishers should know of these things and that the illusion that Canada is merely a cold and distant repository of grain and hard-working emigrants should be dispelled. For the Service man on leave quiet places which can satisfy the spirit of adventure are few and far between on this side of the Atlantic. It is both wisdom and logic to try the other.

"Do you know that racing stream
With the raw right-angled log-jam at the end,
And the bar of sun-warmed shingle
Where a man may bask and dream
To the click of shod canoe poles round the bend?

It is there that we are going
With our rods and reels and traces
To a silent, smoky Indian that we know—
To a couch of new pulled hemlock,
With the starlight on our faces,
For the Red Gods call us out
And we must go."

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Second-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants (dated 30th August):—W. D. F. Laing, C. J. Bradford.

The following Gentleman Cadet, from the Royal Military College, to be Second-Lieutenant (dated 29th August):—J. R. Fishbourne.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

7th Bn. Capt. E. H. Crow having attained the age limit relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 14th August).

7th Bn.—Lieut. V. W. Brown resigns his commission (dated 25th July).

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Obituary.

Fusilier Robert Paul.

WE regret to announce the death of No. 4439628 Fusilier Robert Paul, on July 20th, 1929.

Originally Fusilier Paul joined the Royal Artillery and served on the North-West Frontier of India, earning the North-West Frontier Medal.

He transferred from the 17th Pack Battery at Nowshera to the 2nd Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers who were then at Fyzabad.

Fusilier Paul's enormous physical strength will be greatly missed in the Battalion.

His capacity for hard manual work was prodigious. Keen on all sports, he was a fine type of self-respecting soldier.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Paul in her bereavement.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
August, 1929.

AUGUST has been mainly a period of peace, particularly so to the writer who has been on a fortnight's leave. But peace is usually but the prelude to a storm, so no doubt we shall be embroiled in something or other before long. In fact, Brigade Training might easily produce a storm or two —we march to Catterick for this on 29th August—but still, "tactical turmoils" are amongst the least deadly of storms.

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There has been the usual movement of Officers to and from Courses, leave, etc., during the month, and Capt. Braddell has rejoined from the Depôt and taken over command of "X" Company.

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Sir Hugh Carnaby de M. Haggerston, Bart., and Mr. Egglishaw are carrying out their Annual Attachment to us once again, and we hope they will thoroughly enjoy it.

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We were more than sorry to hear that Capt. Thomas lost his wife through blood poisoning whilst on his honeymoon. He has our very deepest sympathy.

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The "Powers that be" seemed quite pleased with our Tattoo efforts, as the following letter from the G.O.C.-in-C. to the Commanding Officer will show :—

"I wish to thank you and all ranks under your command for the very good work done by the Battalion in the York and Doncaster Tattoos.

"Both the Physical Training and Lantern Displays were carried out in a manner which showed that no pains had been spared to make them as perfect as possible.

"The Chief Engineer also tells me that the party of your men on duty with the Searchlights and Floodlights worked with great keenness and intelligence.

"Further, the Camp arrangements at Doncaster which fell on your Battalion, necessitated a great deal of work and administration, and the efficient manner in which everything was done reflects great credit on all concerned."

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On 8th August, a Physical Training display was given at the Bakewell Horse Show.

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In looking through an old book entitled "Minor Tactics," by Brig.-Gen. Francis Clery, C.B., then Commandant of the Staff College, published in 1890, the writer came upon the following account of the combat of El Bodon which may be of some small interest :—

Example of the Retreat of a Detachment in Presence of a Superior Force of the Enemy.

Combat of El Bodon, 25th September, 1811.

In September, 1811, Wellington was engaged in blockading Ciudad Rodrigo.

On the 21st, Marmont collected 60,000 men at Tamames for its relief.

This obliged Wellington to concentrate—Light Division beyond Argueda, on Vadillo river ; 3rd Division, Pastores El Bodon ; 6th Division, Espeja.

On the 24th, Marmont introduced his convoy.

Wellington moved 4th Division to Guinaldo, but did not anticipate a further advance of the French. Yet it was of extreme importance to him to hold Guinaldo, as, if driven beyond it, his wings would be intercepted and their retreat cut off.

Three Battalions, five squadrons and two batteries, occupied El Bodon heights.

Three Battalions occupied El Bodon village.

On the 25th, Montburn with 14 Battalions, 30 squadrons and 12 guns, crossed the Agueda at Rodrigo and advanced on Guinaldo. The road branched near Pastores, leading on one side over the El Bodon heights, on the other to El Bodon village, by Pastores, La Encima.

The point of enbranchment was concealed by a ridge, so that it was at first uncertain which road the French would take. The enemy's cavalry pushed rapidly along the right road, driving in the advanced posts, and without waiting for infantry, moved in three columns against the British position.

This position was a rocky ridge, convex towards the enemy, intersected in front by stony defiles and with deep ravines on both flanks. But it was too extensive for the force at hand to hold it.

The small British force was disposed :—the guns on the crest where the slope was favourable ; the 5th Regiment supporting the guns ; two squadrons (German Hussars) across road in the centre ; two squadrons (11th Hussars) in rear in support ; one squadron (German Hussars) in hollow ground on the left ; 21st (Portuguese) and 77th (British) in the rear.

The British guns opened on the enemy's cavalry as it approached, but the latter, numbering above 2,000 came boldly on, the centre column along the right road.

The leading squadron of the Allies, waiting till it drew near, suddenly charged the head of the column and drove it back in confusion on the rear.

The second squadron followed up the attack, and both uniting succeeded by vigorous charges against the enemy's

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dense masses in forcing the whole down the hill in great disorder.

Further to the right, the left French column attacked the batteries. The latter fired grape, but the enemy, pressing onward, cut down nearly half the gunners and captured the guns.

The 5th Regiment now advanced in line, opened fire on the French squadrons, and then charging them with the bayonet, drove them down the hill and retook the guns.

The 77th, coming into line, both Regiments covered the withdrawal of the guns.

In the centre the action was continued by the cavalry, the allied squadrons rallying after each charge, and again dashing against the enemy's columns.

In this manner the small British force of about 350 troopers maintained their ground for upwards of an hour.

But the enemy's squadrons had now penetrated between the right flank and El Bodon, from the vineyards of which Picton was extricating his troops, and was in no position to afford support.

The enemy's infantry, too, was rapidly approaching, so Wellington ordered the whole to fall back and unite on the plain behind.

The 21st (Portuguese) moved first in square.

The 5th and 77th followed, both formed in one square.

The cavalry held their ground until they were in danger of being surrounded, when they fell back behind the Portuguese.

The 5th and 77th, being now completely exposed, the enemy's cavalry charged furiously down on three faces of the square, riding up to the bayonets.

But they were repelled by the fire of the infantry, who remained unbroken.

Picton joined with the three Battalions from El Bodon, and the whole continued the retreat across the plain.

The French squadrons followed, swarming round the columns while they retired, while their artillery plied them with a brisk fire, causing considerable loss. This was continued over some six miles of open country, but the steady countenance of the British kept the enemy's squadrons at a distance, and they did not again come to close quarters.

Cricket.

The following matches played by the Regimental team have not been reported in previous numbers owing to the regrettable absence of the score book.

Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Poppleton.

1st June. Drawn.

POPPLETON.

S. Stoney, c Laing, b Purcell	5
E. E. Walker, c Dickerson, b Livermore	61
A. Walker, st Enderby, b Purcell	67
B. Kendall, c Hughes, b Purcell	7
W. Stead, c Sperling, b Pyle	2
T. Barker, b Pyle	4
A. W. Walker, c Pyle, b Purcell	0
S. Elmer, b Pyle	4
J. Hawkes, not out	7
T. King, c and b Purcell	1
Extras	6
Total	164

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Mr. A. J. Sperling, lbw, b King	7
Capt. H. O. Sutherland, c Barker, b Elmer	25
Mr. S. Enderby, b Elmer	14
Capt. H. G. Powell, c Walker, b King	22
Sjt. Pyle, b King	0
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, b Walker	10
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c Barker, b King	0
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, not out	18
C.S.M. Purcell, not out	1
Fus. Livermore, Fus. Dickerson } did not bat	
Extras	1
Total (for 7 wkts.)	98

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Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Stamford Bridge.

8th June. Won.

STAMFORD BRIDGE.

F. Mornington, c Enderby, b Laing	0
S. Wade, c Pyle, b Purcell	5
J. Barker, c Metherill, b Hughes	35
J. E. Pike, c Metherill, b Laing	8
G. Tattersall, b Pyle	9
R. M. Sawkill, lbw, b Laing	29
H. E. Rudilock, run out	0
C. Sherwood, b Livermore	6
R. Sandeman, c Laing, b Dickerson	8
P. Walton, b Laing	1
H. Dawson, not out	1
Extras	5
Total	107

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, b Rudilock	8
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, lbw, b Sherwood	15
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, b Barker	1
Capt. H. O. Sutherland, b Rudilock	3
Mr. S. Enderby, b Sherwood	42
Sjt. Pyle, b Barker	19
C.S.M. Purcell, c Rudilock, b Sherwood	19
Mr. M. C. Speer, b Rudilock	7
Lce.-Cpl. Metherill, run out	5
Fus. Livermore, c Walton, b Sherwood	2
Fus. Dickerson, not out	0
Extras	20
Total	141

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Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 4th Bn. The Royal Tank Corps.

22nd June. Drawn.

R.T.C.

Major J. R. Grove, lbw, b Purcell	4
T. Synge, b Hughes	26
R. A. Young, b Hughes	18
Capt. G. R. Pedder, st Enderby, b Laing	34
Pte. Smith, b Pyle	0
Capt. N. Birch, b Purcell	9
Cpl. Crotty, c Livermore, b Laing	5
R.Q.M.S. Jones, b Purcell	8
G. T. Milne, c Livermore, b Purcell	2
Cpl. Coak, not out	1
Lce.-Cpl. Cox, c Hughes, b Pyle	9
Extras	23
Total	139

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, b Jones	45
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, lbw, b Jones	8
Mr. S. Enderby, lbw, b Jones	5
Capt. H. O. Sutherland, b Birch	4
Capt. H. G. Powell, b Jones	6
Sjt. Pyle, c Milne, b Birch	5
Mr. J. A. Sperling, not out	3
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, b Jones	2
C.S.M. Purcell, not out	13
Fus. Livermore, Fus. Dickerson } did not bat	
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wkts.)	104

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Fifth Fusiliers *v.* St. Peter's School.

29th June. Lost.

ST. PETER'S.

W. G. Hatton, c Enderby, b Purcell	8
W. Allport, b Dickerson	43
W. D. Draffen, st Enderby, b Dickerson	25
A. R. Cameron, b Dickerson	13
E. F. Williams, c Purcell, b Livermore	29
C. C. Houghton, lbw, b Laing	4
W. M. C. Scott, c Hughes, b Dickerson	1
R. G. Bullen, b Livermore	12
J. M. Young, st Enderby, b Laing	27
J. M. Perry, c and b Pyle	8
G. M. Amery, not out	10
Extras	14
Total	194

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c and b Amery	4
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, st Draffen, b Amery	31
Capt. H. O. Sutherland, b Bullen	7
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, c and b Bullen	2
Mr. S. Enderby, lbw, b Bullen	15
Capt. H. G. Powell, b Bullen	0
Mr. J. A. Sperling, b Amery	16
Sjt. Pyle, lbw, b Amery	13
C.S.M. Purcell, c Houghton, b Amery	26
Fus. Livermore, st Draffen, b Amery	0
Fus. Dickerson, not out	1
Extras	1
Total	116

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Fifth Fusiliers *v.* The Yorkshire Gentlemen.

20th July. Lost.

YORKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.

D. C. F. Burton, c Hughes, b Laing	12
A. O. Elmhirst, b Laing	20
R. E. Yates, c Sutherland, b Purcell	71
J. A. Dunnington-Jefferson, b Laing	0
Major A. W. Lupton, b Purcell	45
A. M. Tew, not out	49
J. W. Yewborn, not out	31
J. B. Foster, M. Oldfield, J. Elmhirst, C. R. Elwis	did not bat
Extras	26
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.)	254

Bowling.—Laing, 3 for 87; Purcell, 2 for 38; Hughes, 0 for 39; Dickerson, 0 for 20; Pyle, 0 for 12; Pennock, 0 for 37.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Capt. H. O. Sutherland, c Burton, b J. Elmhirst	13
Cpl. Pennock, b Lupton	4
Mr. S. Enderby, st A. Elmhirst, b J. Elmhirst	31
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, b Tew	10
Capt. H. G. Powell, st A. Elmhirst, b J. Elmhirst	15
Sjt. Pyle, b Tew	13
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, b Elwis	10
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, b Elwis	22
Mr. J. A. Sperling, st A. Elmhirst, b J. Elmhirst	5
C.S.M. Purcell, not out	0
Fus. Dickerson, b J. Elmhirst	0
Extras	9
Total	132

Bowling.—Lupton, 1 for 24; Yewborn, 0 for 16; Elmhirst, 5 for 53; Tew, 2 for 16; Elwis, 2 for 8.

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Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Sir Albert Whittaker's XI.

The Regimental side was royally entertained by Sir Albert Whittaker at Babworth Hall, on 27th July. At 12 o'clock Capt. Sutherland once again lost the toss, and we took the field. The wicket was slow and easy, and we anticipated a score of 300 at least.

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The start, however, was sensational, for with the first ball of the second over, Hughes defeated Col. ffrench-Blake, the second bounce proving deadly, and Mr. Hobbs took an easy catch at forward short leg. 1 for 1. However, Hughes then atoned for this by bowling short ones on the leg side to White, who dealt with them faithfully with a mashie shot over the square leg boundary.

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Owing to the absence of C.S.M. Purcell and Cpl. Pennock, the bowling was very much weakened, and the partnership seemed to be going to be permanent, when it was rudely disturbed by the alertness of Capt. Powell, who rashly placed his hands in the path of a ball, which was going for six all the way from the bat, and despite his quite apparent agony, held it. 117 for 2.

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Mr. Laing had the next wicket at 125, while Hughes, who had at last found a length, clean bowled R. T. White at 130, and Capt. Lister-Kaye at 144. Both very good balls. T. A. W. White was out at 152, clean bowled for a chanceless and well-played 95.

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Yet another wicket fell before lunch, which was taken with the score at 169 for 7. A very good morning's work. Lunch was no obstacle to our conquering career, and the last three wickets fell for 11 runs. The total of 180 certainly did not look beyond our capabilities, on the easy-paced wicket. However, we started by copying our opponents, Mr. Laing being out to Capt. Lister-Kaye's first ball. 1 for 1. Capt. Sutherland started off seeing the ball as if it were a football, and with Hughes playing steady cricket, the second wicket added 43 runs. Mr. Enderby failed, returning a long hop gently to the bowler. Capt. Powell, whose swan song this match was, failed to connect properly with a mighty drive, and was caught in the deep. Capt. Sutherland was out at 81 for an invaluable 54, the first time this year he has really got going. Mr. Sperling with a surprising burst of speed and misplaced confidence, ran out Capt. Buckley at 89, and was out himself at 96. Sjt. Pyle and Mr. Speer made a gallant and hard-hitting stand, but the innings closed for 136, a disappointing total.

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Our opponents went in again after tea, with a lead of 44, with the intention of getting runs quickly. However, the accuracy of Mr. Hobbs' unintentional leg trap rather nullified this laudable intention, and a very sporting declaration was made at 89 for four wickets, leaving us 133 runs to get in 35 minutes; a task which on the face of it, sounds an impossibility.

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However, with everything to gain and nothing to lose, we put our forcing batsmen in first, and went for the runs. To attempt to describe this innings would be to gild the lily. Let facts and figures speak for themselves. Capt. Sutherland: 54 runs, 35 minutes; three sixes, seven fours. Mr. Enderby: 61 runs, 20 minutes; four sixes, eight fours. Sjt. Pyle: 35 runs, 10 minutes; one six, six fours. Incredible, but true. We won in the last over, and one would imagine, broke all existing records for rapid scoring. We think that Sir Albert Whittaker must have watched this sensational finish with mixed feelings, and hope that the pleasure

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of watching his old Regiment snatch the victory, outweighed his disappointment at seeing his own side beaten on the post.

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The team would like to thank him and Lady Whittaker for their splendid hospitality, no less than for a very exciting game, and dare to hope that this match may be made into an annual fixture.

SIR A. E. WHITTAKER'S XI.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Col. ffrench-Blake, c Hobbs, b Hughes	1	c Laing, b Hobbs	17
J. E. Young, c Powell, b Laing ..	30	} did not bat	
T. A. W. White, b Laing	95		
M. G. Firth, lbw, b Laing	1		
R. T. White, b Hughes	4		
Capt. Lister-Kaye, b Hughes	11	not out	19
Sir A. White, c Powell, b Hughes ..	16	did not bat	
Lord Howard of Effingham, b Hughes ..	8	not out	1
D. Pick, b Hughes	2	c Laing, b Dickerson ..	27
J. Lidgett, not out	0	run out	15
Enderby, b Laing	3	c Laing, b Dickerson ..	10
Extras	9	Extras	0
Total	180	Total (for 4 wkts. dec.) ..	89

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Laing	17.1	1	78	4
Hughes	12	0	56	6
Pyle	5	1	37	0

2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Laing	4	0	9	0
Hughes	2	0	25	0
Hobbs	5	0	26	1
Dickerson	3	0	27	2

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Mr. W. D. F. Laing, c White, b Lister-Kaye	1	} did not bat	
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, b Lister-Kaye ..	8		
Capt. H. O. Sutherland, b Lister-Kaye	54	not out	54
Mr. S. Enderby, c and b Lister-Kaye ..	15	c White, b Lister-Kaye ..	61
Capt. H. G. Powell, c Young, b Pick ..	1	b Lister-Kaye	0
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, run out ..	4	b Lister-Kaye	1
Mr. J. A. Sperling, b Lister-Kaye ..	2	did not bat	
Sjt. Pyle, c Lister-Kaye, b ffrench-Blake	27	not out	35
Mr. M. C. Speer, not out	16	} did not bat	
Mr. G. P. Hobbs, c Howard, b ffrench-Blake	0		
Fus. Dickerson, c Firth, b ffrench-Blake	0		
Extras	8	Extras	0
Total	132	Total (for 3 wkts.) ..	151

1ST BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS' XI. *v.* SIR ALBERT WHITTAKER'S XI.

Back Row.—2nd-Lieut. Laing. J. Lidgett. Sjt. Pyle.
Standing.—M. G. Firth. C.Q.M.S. Irwin. 2nd-Lieut. Sperling. P. Pick. D. Pick. 2nd-Lieut. Enderby. 2nd-Lieut. Hobbs.
Seated.—Capt. Powell. Capt. Lister-Kaye. Capt. Buckley. Capt. Sutherland. Sir Albert Whittaker. Sir A. White. Col. ffrench Blake. T. A. W. White. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes.
Front Row.—J. E. Young. Lord Howard of Effingham. R. T. White. 2nd-Lieut. Speer. Fus. Dickerson.

Serjeants' Mess.

August, 1929.

Things are very quiet just at present, after the various tattoos and displays, but rumours of a billiard handicap are afloat, and the "dark horses" are casting longing eyes on the presentation cue for the winner.

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We returned from Doncaster Tattoo covered with more glory. Special praise is due to the Mess Committee on the very excellent manner in which the marquees, which were our temporary home, were furnished.

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C.S.M. Scott is to be congratulated on the very able manner in which he catered for the "inner man" for the 160 odd members, and the excellent and varied fare served.

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A word of warning for next time. Sjt. Cogan does not like "undulating milk" in his tea.

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"Y" Company's C.S.M. had a touch of heat, or was it heart stroke (?) whilst on the Advance Party, which necessitated his removal to York Hospital, thereby missing all the good things of the camp. He is now about again, as sprightly as ever, and between his trying duties of amending all training manuals he is also turning the Band boys into quite a respectable church band.

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Sjt. Hullyer left us the day we went to Doncaster, for civil life and pension, after completing 21 years in the Service. He has obtained a position as an Instructor at the Vocational

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Training Centre in the poultry section. No wonder we were all under instruction before he left.

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Unfortunately his documents went away before the writer got back from Doncaster, therefore it is not possible to publish his " pedigree."

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All wish Mrs. Hullyer and Harry the best of luck in their new venture.

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Sjt. Holmes obtained a Q1. at Netheravon. More strength, etc.

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He is at present, in company with the rest of the zedemgee-inbrackets Company, at a little place called Wath Gill, near Catterick, on concentration.

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By all accounts it is a terrible place, miles away from anywhere.

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Sjt. Matthewson returned from a four months' course of Signalling and obtained a " Distinguished." Good luck, Matty! but leave a few certificates for someone else.

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Sjt. Dyke is leaving shortly to take up an appointment as Troop Deck Serjeant aboard H.M.T. *Neuralia*. He has been learning all the nautical terms from our ex-mariner.

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The captain will have to have a special derrick to get Charlie aboard.

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Catterick and Brigade Training is becoming a real menace to all, and each one is wondering how to manage a ride on the lorries and so miss the march.

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" Blob " and his jazz band delight the troops every night with their programmes. The Band room windows are crowded with awe-stricken dutymen wondering how " Blob " jazzes round the room and conducts at the same time.

Corporals' Club.

23rd August, 1929.

When these notes appear in print the Fold will have removed their residence to Wath Gill Camp, where we are to undergo Brigade Training.

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The Club has lost another of its leading lights in the person of Cpl. (" Wag ") Taylor, who has returned to civilian life. We wish him the best of luck.

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The members of the Club often wonder how the " Rummy King " and " Nevvy " are progressing under foreign suns. We hope " Danny Boy " is still sung with as much gusto as it was in Ballykinlar.

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These notes are short owing to life being dull in barracks and just one damn thing after another.

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2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

Dagshai,

July, 1929.

THIS summer the Battalion has had experience of yet another part of the Himalaya, and those who have accompanied the Battalion in its travels from Dinapore to Lahore during the last eight years may now pride themselves on having an extensive knowledge of the famous range of mountains, at any rate as far as the military stations therein are concerned.

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Most of us will agree that Ranikhet is easily the best, but Dagshai is as good as any of the others.

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A great drawback of Dagshai is the lack of games grounds, of which there is only one football and one indifferent hockey ground for ourselves and the Royal Scots Fusiliers. These have been used to the full, and football and hockey Platoon Tournaments have been held.

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The great advantage of Dagshai is its accessibility from Lahore, it being possible to leave Lahore in the morning and be in Dagshai the same night, and also its accessibility of other Hill Stations.

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Kasauli is only 12 miles away; Solan, where our old friends the Durham Light Infantry are stationed, 8 miles; and Simla less than 40.

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The usual Summer programme has been carried out with the addition of considerable extra M.G. activity. The M.G. Company was formed on 1st July, after every one, including the whole Army in India, had been thrown into a frenzy of despair by an A.H.Q. wire on 30th June, stating that the formation of M.G. Companies was postponed.

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The Adjutant and the Orderly Room Staff, the Accountant and the C.Q.M.-Serjeants who had spent days making rolls and doing things to P. and M. books, simply broke down and sobbed like little children. However, the next morning their tear-stained faces broke into happy smiles when a second wire ordered the formation to proceed, arrived from Olympus.

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For the rest, the W.T. Cadre for young Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s has been held, also two Junior and Future N.C.O.'s Classes. An additional W.T. Cadre, with a membership of one, has also been held, and the eyes of the oppressed have been gladdened by the sight of the Adjutant, streaming with blood, hurling himself at sacks and wriggling on the ground with a L.G. in his arms in preparation for a visit to the S.A.S. at Abottabad. Meanwhile, Mr. Surtees has arrived from Lahore to take the reins.

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Col. Kershaw, who is at present Commanding the Brigade, visited the Battalion this month and later paid a flying visit to Simla before returning to the horrors of Lahore in July. The hot weather in Lahore has an unenviable reputation, but so far we are glad to record that the sick rate has been small. This is undoubtedly due largely to the number of N.C.O.'s and men in the Battalion with long service in India, who have learned by experience how to keep fit and whose knowledge is passed on by example to the younger men.

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Major and Mrs. Booth returned from six weeks' leave in Kulu on 20th June, and report the country good and the trout-fishing a thing to dream of. This is a part of the country that has been neglected so far by Officers going on leave, but we think there will be a rush to go there now as it is easily reached from Lahore; living is cheap compared to the more fashionable Kashmir, and besides fishing, good shooting can be obtained too.

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About the same time Mr. Earle returned from five weeks in the C.P. Jungles, where he was unfortunate not to get a tiger although he supplied them regularly with fresh beef. He succeeded, however, in killing a large panther (7 ft. 2 ins.), a chital, and two barking deer. Our record with tiger has been unfortunate since the Battalion has been in India. Except for Major Foster, who shot two in Orissa, and Mr. Tarleton,

SUDDAR BAZAAR, DAGSHAI, 1929.
(*Photo by C.Q.M.S. Hamilton.*)

who got one when he was A.D.C. to the Governor of the United Provinces, no one has had any luck.

The King's Birthday was celebrated in Dagshai by a Ceremonial Parade and the firing of a *feu-de-joie*. The Parade

"B" COMPANY LINES.
(*Photo by Fus. Auguston.*)

comprised two Companies of the FIFTH and two Companies of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, under the Command of Col. C. B. Steele, C.I.E., O.B.E., I.A.S.C., Commanding the Station. Major Carroll Leahy commanded the Battalion, and the Colours were carried by Messrs. Earle and Lean. There must have been many who were present on the last occasion that we were on this parade with the Royal Scots Fusiliers at Lebong in 1921. A few days later the Garrison again paraded, and Col. Steele read out to the Troops the Proclamation announcing the assumption of the office of acting Viceroy by H.E. Lord Goshen, Govenor of Madras, in place of H.E. Lord Irwin, who has proceeded to England on leave.

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The string Orchestra has recently given two excellent and well attended concerts in Dagshai, and we must congratulate the Band President and Mr. Steffen on the results obtained in so short a time. The string Orchestra was started seriously only a little over a year ago, but members have worked hard and Capt. Edgeworth Johnstone has been unremitting in criticism and advice, with the result that we now have probably the best orchestra in India. The Dance Band has also been hard at work, and we hope to hear it frequently in Lahore next cold weather. We understand that it has been given the contract to play at the Gymkhana Club, which will entail much hard work as dancing takes place every evening from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and alternate Saturdays there are late dances. The practice, however, will be invaluable in the event of getting a contract at one of the large Hill Stations next summer.

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A Platoon Football Tournament was held in Dagshai in June; the results of which are appended. We must congratulate 12 Platoon, Royal Scots Fusiliers on winning, after one of the finest matches we have ever seen. The pace was terrific, and both goal-keepers performed miracles which kept the spectators in a continual roar of excitement and applause. Extra time had to be played, and about two minutes from the

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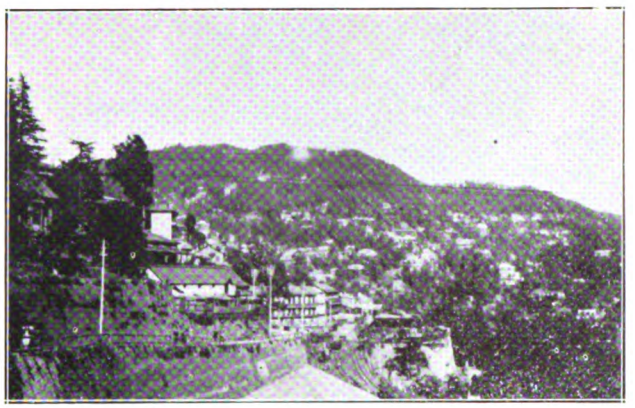
end 12 Platoon were awarded a penalty for hands in the goal area, which they turned to account. The M.G. Platoon thus



SIMLA, WITH JAKHO HILL IN BACKGROUND.
(Photo by C.Q.M.S. Hamilton.)

lost a match of which they might be prouder than of many victories. At the conclusion of the match Mrs. Steele presented a handsome cup, provided by Haji Kadar Bux, of Dagshai, to the winning team, and silver and bronze medals to the members of the two teams.

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Result (23 teams entered) :—

Third Round—Semi-Final.

M.G. Platoon, 5th Fusiliers No. 15 Platoon R.S.F.	5th Fusiliers		
No. 13 Platoon R.S.F. No. 10 Platoon 5th Fusiliers	5th Fusiliers	5th Fusiliers	
No. 8 Platoon 5th Fusiliers Band R.S.F.	R.S.F.		R.S.F. (Won 1—0)
Drums 5th Fusiliers No. 12 Platoon R.S.F.	R.S.F.	R.S.F.	

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We had our revenge, however, in the Hockey Tournament.

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The results are as follows :—

PLATOON HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (23 Teams entered).

Third Round.	*Semi-Final.*	*Final.*	
No. 9 Platoon R.S.F. Remnants R.S.F.	No. 9 Platoon R.S.F.		
Drums 5th Fusiliers No. 5 Platoon 5th Fusiliers	Drums 5th Fusiliers	Drums 5th Fusiliers	
No. 11 Platoon 5th Fusiliers No. 10 Platoon R.S.F.	No. 11 Platoon 5th Fusiliers		No. 11 Platoon 5th Fusiliers (Won 1-0 in a re-play)
No. 7 Platoon 5th Fusiliers Band R.S.F.	Band R.S.F.	No. 11 Platoon 5th Fusiliers	

Dagshai Inter-Company Novices Boxing Tournament, 1929.

The first Boxing Tournament of the season, an Inter-Company Novices Competition, was held here on 7th and 8th June, and drew a large number of entries from both Units stationed in Dagshai.

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Once again we must congratulate "B" Company on winning the trophy—yet another Cup to add to the many they have accumulated during the past few years.

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Of the many fine bouts, that between Fus. Leach, "B" Coy., 5th Fusiliers, and Fus. Gale, "C" Coy., The Royal Scots Fusiliers, was outstanding. It was a splendid contest between two men who could give and take a terrific hit. There was something approaching a thrill in the final round, when Leach went all out to bring down Gale; the latter, however, was not lacking in fighting spirit, and the fight went the full distance. Leach received the verdict by a narrow margin of points and Gale was subsequently awarded the Best Loser's Cup.

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In his speech before presenting the prizes, Col. C. E. B. Steele, C.I.E., O.B.E., I.A.S.C., Commanding Dagshai, congratulated the competitors and officials on the fine show he had witnessed.

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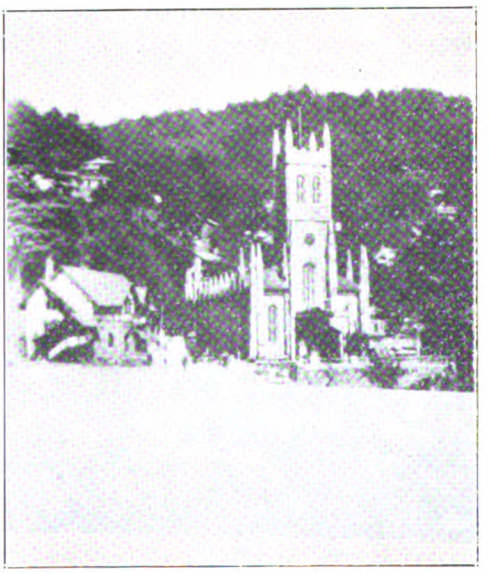
The final reckoning of points was :—

"B" Company, 5th Fusiliers	88 points.
H.Q. Wing, 5th Fusiliers	47 ,,
"C" Company, 5th Fusiliers	36 ,,
"C" Company, The Royal Scots Fusiliers ..	30 ,,
"D" Company, The Royal Scots Fusiliers ..	14 ,,
H.Q. Wing, The Royal Scots Fusiliers ..	6 ,,

The Sixth Annual Kasauli Boxing Tournament, 1929.

This Tournament was held on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st June,



THE RIDGE, SIMLA.
(Photo by C.Q.M.S. Hamilton.)

and was the medium of placing another handsome trophy in our library.

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In the first round we were drawn against our neighbours, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, whom we defeated by 12 points to 8. In the Semi-Final we met the Royal Fusiliers from Ambala, and the extra light-weights were called upon to decide who should win by a solitary point, the teams being 10 points all after the light-heavies had vacated the ring.

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Fus. Jamieson was our representative and he fought splendidly against a hard opponent, putting our team into the Final by way of a well-timed right to the point in the second round.

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The Final was indeed a "Pitmen's Derby," for our opponents were our old friends of Depôt days—the Durham Light Infantry, from Solan. We beat them by the exceedingly narrow margin of one point, after many splendid fights and much excitement amid the "Geordie" fraternity of the spectators.

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Both teams boxed cleverly, each fight being marked by the clean hitting and tactics which would have been a credit to boxers of experience.

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The fight between Fus. Leach and Pte. Hardwick in the Welter Class was particularly good, Leach receiving a point's verdict after a hard scrap.

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Our team was :—

Fly-Weight, Fus. Russell.
Bantam-Weight, Fus. Cornforth.
Feather-Weight, Bdsmn. Dowdell.
Light-Weight, Fus. Simpson.
Welter-Weight, Fus. Leach.
Middle-Weight, Fus. Burns.
Light Heavy-Weight, Fus. Whittle.
Extra Light-Weight, Fus. Jamieson.

In the Open Competition we were represented by Fus. Hayton in the Light-Heavy class ; Drummer Travis, Bdsmn. Miller and Lce.-Cpl. Morton in the Welter ; Fus. Wright in the Lights ; Fus. Holdsworth in the Feathers ; Lce.-Cpl. McRae, Fus. Ridley and Fus. Carroll in the Bantams.

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Fus. Hayton only had one fight, that with Pte. Booth, of the Durham Light Infantry ; the latter was no match for Hayton and was k.o.'d in the opening round.

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Drummer Travis succeeded in reaching the final of his weight and was beaten by a narrow margin of points. Miller reached the semi-finals, and was beaten by Fus. Winn, of the Royals, who ultimately won the Welter class.

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In the Light-Weight Eliminating Series, Wright put up one of the best fights of the Tournament, and was eventually awarded a Good Loser's Cup. The other Good Loser's Cup went to Lce.-Cpl. McRae for his plucky display against Fus. Falconer, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

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Carroll was unlucky in meeting Cpl. Guerin, of the Hampshire Regt., the ex-Champion of India, in the semi-final of the Bantams. The fight went the full distance, and Guerin found he had a game opponent in Carroll.

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The Boys covered themselves with glory, and reflected great credit on their trainer (Cpl. Palmer). It would be unfair to single out one for special mention because they all fought so splendidly. Boys Lassam, Bridgewater and Whittle won their weights, and were the recipients of Cups almost as big as themselves, while Boy Tradewell lost on points in the Final.

"B" Coy. Boxing Team (Novices).
Winner of Dagshai Tournament, June, 1929

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RESULTS.

Light-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Bedford ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Cullan (H.Q., 5th Fus.). Fus. Murray ("D" Coy., R.S.F.) beat Fus. Emms ("C" Coy., R.S.F.). Lce.-Cpl. Scott ("C" Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Gibbons ("C" Coy., 5th Fus.) in the second round. Lce.-Cpl. Bennett ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) awarded the fight against Fus. Ware ("C" Coy., 5th Fus.), the latter having to scratch on medical grounds. Fus. Taylor ("C" Coy., 5th Fus.) w.o. Fus. Sibbald ("C" Coy., R.S.F.), the latter scratching on medical grounds. Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus.

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Bailey (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the first round. Fus. Jamieson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Middlemas (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.).

Light-Weights. Second Series.

Fus. Calvin (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Buttery (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) on points. Lce.-Cpl. Eager (H.Q., 5th Fus.) w.o. Cpl. New (" C " Coy., R.S.F.), the latter having been returned to Plain station on duty. Fus. Spanton (H.Q., 5th Fus.) outpointed Fus. Coxon (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.). Fus. Simpson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Wilson (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.). Fus. Bedford (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Nichol (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.). Fus. Murray (" D " Coy., R.S.F.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Scott (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the second round. Lce.-Cpl. Bennett (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Taylor (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.). Fus. Jamieson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q., 5th Fus.).

Light-Weight. Third Series.

Fus. Calvin (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Eager (H.Q., 5th Fus.) on points. Fus. Simpson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) awarded the fight against Fus. Spanton (H.Q., 5th Fus.), the latter scratching on medical grounds. Fus. Murray (" D " Coy., R.S.F.) w.o. Fus. Bedford (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.), who had to scratch on medical grounds. Fus. Jamieson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Bennett (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the opening round.

Light-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Simpson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) awarded the fight against Fus. Calvin (H.Q., 5th Fus.), who had to scratch on medical grounds. Fus. Murray (" D " Coy., R.S.F.) k.o. Fus. Jamieson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the second round.

Light-Weight. Final.

Fus. Simpson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Murray (" D " Coy., R.S.F.) in the opening round, the intervention of the Referee saving Murray from going to the boards.

Feather-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Marshall (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Ford (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the final round. Fus. Dixon (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Munroe (5th Fus.). Fus. Marsden (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Hornsby (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the first round. Fus. Burns (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Rarity (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the second round. Fus. Rankin (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) beat Fus. Rowley (H.Q., 5th Fus.). Fus. Dowdell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. White (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the third round. Fus. Davison (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) beat Fus. Auguston (H.Q., 5th Fus.). Lce.-Cpl. McCall (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Addison (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Feather-Weight. Second Series.

Fus. Marshall (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Dixon (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round. Fus. Marsden (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) awarded the fight against Fus. Burns (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.), who scratched on medical grounds. Fus. Dowdell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Rankin (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the first round. Lce.-Cpl. McCall (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) w.o. Fus. Davison (" C " Coy., R.S.F.), who scratched on medical grounds.

Feather-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Marshall (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Marsden (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) on points. Fus. Dowdell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. McCall (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the second round.

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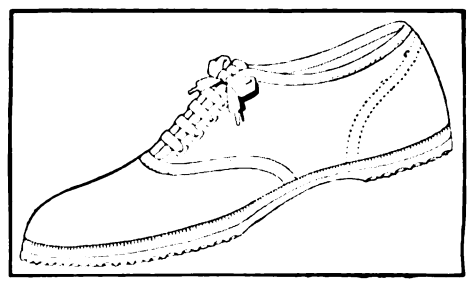

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Feather-Weight. Final.

Fus. Dowdell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Marshall (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) after a few exchanges in the first round.

Welter-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Roger (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Courtnage (H.Q., R.S.F.). Fus. Wharton (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. McDonagh (" C " Coy. R.S.F.), the latter having to retire with a damaged hand. Fus. Leach (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Gale (" C " Coy., R.S.F.)

Welter-Weight. Second Series.

Fus. Hunter (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) awarded the fight against Fus. Hooper (" D " Coy., R.S.F.), who had to scratch on medical grounds. Fus. Magness (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Caruthers (" D " Coy., R.S.F.) in the first round. Fus. Carpenter (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Roger (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the first round. Fus. Leach (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Wharton (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Welter-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Magness (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Hunter (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round. Fus. Leach (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Carpenter (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Welter-Weight. Final.

Fus. Leach (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) was far too good for Fus. Magness (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.), whom he k.o. in the first round.

Middle-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Symons (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) awarded the fight against Fus. Donald (H.Q., R.S.F.), who scratched on medical grounds.

Middle-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Mackie (H.Q., R.S.F.) k.o. Fus. German (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the first round. Fus. Symons (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Bolam (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.).

Middle-Weight. Final.

Fus. Symons (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) beat Fus. Mackie (H.Q., R.S.F.), the Referee intervening in the final round.

Bantam Weight. First Series.

Fus. Cornforth (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Warner (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) on points. Fus. Smythe (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Kilroy (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the second round. Fus. Casson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Laidler (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the third round. Fus. Russell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Langley (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Bantam-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Cornforth (H.Q., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Smythe (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) on points. Fus. Russell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Casson (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Bantam-Weight. Final.

Fus. Russell (" B " Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Cornforth (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the second round. Russell possesses a smart left, which he used to advantage in the first round. Cornforth was game, but was forced to retire during the second round with a damaged hand.

Heavy-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Taylor (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) k.o. Fus. Johnstone (" C " Coy., 5th Fus.) in the first round. Fus. Burns (H.Q., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Atkinson (H.Q., 5th Fus.) in the first round.

Heavy-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Gibbons (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) beat Fus. O'Neil (H.Q., 5th Fus.). Fus. Burns (H.Q., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Taylor (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) in the first round.

Heavy-Weight. Final.

Fus. Burns (H.Q., 5th Fus.) k.o. Fus. Gibbons (" C " Coy., R.S.F.) with a right to the point in the opening round.

Boys' Competition—Class " A."

Boy Tradewell beat Boy Palmer. Boy Sanctuary beat Boy Fox.

Final.—Boy Tradewell beat Boy Sanctuary.

Boys' Competition—Class " B."

Boy Love beat Boy Nesbit. Boy Brooks beat Boy Bridgewater.

Final.—Boy Brooks beat Boy Love.

Boys' Competition—Class " C."

Boy Bartrop k.o. Boy Gibson in the first round. Boy Lasam beat Boy Whittle.

Final.—Boy Bartrop beat Boy Lasam.

Mill Competition.

" C " Company, 5th Fusiliers, beat " B " Company, 5th Fusiliers.

Serjeants' Mess.

Those of the Regiment who were lucky enough to proceed to Dagshai find the place a considerable improvement on Cherat, as regards both accommodation and climate. The extra 2,000ft. altitude and the countless pine trees are the chief factors in making Dagshai a more desirable Hill Station than Cherat. There were many in the party who had never before experienced a journey on a mountain railway, and the Kalka-Simla line is a marvel of engineering skill. Those travelling in the rear of the train were often in doubt as to whether the engine would collide with the back of the train when negotiating some of the tortuous bends. Many of the troops, whose main experience in travelling in the past has consisted of trips from Central Station to Fenham Barracks, expressed themselves as delighted with the journey from Durrumpore to Kalka; but what they remarked about the steep three mile march from Dharampur to Dagshai is best left to the imagination.

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The P.R.I. has the grateful thanks of all the married families for providing excellent meals at the Military Siding at Lahore, at the Refreshment Room at Kalka, and at the Coffee Shop on arrival at Dagshai.

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Friday, 7th June, in the Year of Our Lord 1929, was the hottest day in the recorded history of Lahore, with the temperature still on the rise. Our sympathy goes out to those of the Unit who are obliged to serve on the Plains. But there is balm in Gilead, for prevailing conditions—high barometric pressure and a clear atmosphere—according to the meteorological experts, point to a timely and strong monsoon. Unfortunately the experts, as ever, cover themselves with the usual " ifs, " reminding us of the Delphic Oracle.

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It is a remarkable coincidence that, after a lapse of nine

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years, our members should again share a combined Mess with the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers. The last occasion of a combined Mess was at Lebong. Naturally considerable changes have occurred in the membership of both Messes; Mr. Steffan, C.S.M.'s Moon and Davies, and C.Q.M.S. Ward were able to renew acquaintanceship with R.Q.M.S. Cartwright and C.S.M.'s Ramage and Stephens. As regards the field of sport the FIFTH's members have beaten the brother Unit's members at hockey by 6 goals to 2. At football the reverse was the case, as we were well beaten by 3 goals to 1.

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C.S.M. Moon is to be congratulated on the achievements of his boxing team, which won all weights except one in the Dagshai Novices' Boxing Competition. This is very encouraging, for the novices of to-day are the probable champions of the future.

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The writer of these notes is very anxious to discover the identity of the anonymous enquirer who wishes to know whether W.O. Instr. H. J. Murdoch has, after so many years, at last reached his goal (jail). For the benefit of home readers it is pointed out that Mac lives in the Jail Bungalow, so called on account of its proximity to Dagshai Jail. Mac is very anxious for "ENQUIRER" to come forward, as he feels sure that he will have the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with an old "Borstalion."

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On Saturday, 15th June, Major and Mrs. Carrol-Leahy gave a picnic to the married families on the Polo Ground. A motor-bus and several cars conveyed the families to the picnic ground. Rugs were spread out on the grass, and all enjoyed the excellent tea provided. Very luscious mangoes figured in the menu, and R.S.M. Redhead very thoughtfully provided bowls of water and towels for the use of those who had devoured mangoes, though he has yet to learn that this particular fruit should be eaten in a bath. Races were held, and the winners were naturally elated, but the management saw to it that every child somehow or other secured a prize. A special feature was a "Treasure Hunt" for the bigger children. In spite of many pitfalls contained in the clues, Marjorie Murdoch, Hilda Murdoch and Nancy Mole managed correct solutions. There is no doubt that not only the children, but the adults as well, spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

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After a long and painful illness, Georgie Moore passed away at Dagshai Hospital. The interment took place at the local cemetery, and the many floral tributes that covered the little grave bore testimony to the heartfelt sympathy all extended to Orderly-Room-Serjeant and Mrs. Moore in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Moore has had more than her share of trouble of late, but this did not prevent her from mothering little Lucy Springate, when the baby's mother died at Peshawar.

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Detachment.

July, 1929.

Our durance vile in the Plains is almost at an end, and at the end of the month the change-over takes place and we go up to the Simla Hills; while a large number of those who are now there come down to finish the hot weather in the sultry, oppressive heat of Lahore. Funnily enough, there is hardly a man in the Battalion, who, if the choice were his, would not elect to remain in Lahore, where, at least, there are shops and cinemas and football and hockey grounds.

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Training has been confined to those hard-worked specialists, the Signallers and the Machine Gunners, who may be seen almost any dawn on the maidan or thereabouts, heartily waving flags or throwing Vickers guns about, or just occasionally anxiously surveying the progress of their prickly heat in a helio mirror or banel reflector.

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We sigh for the days when Lahore registered its maximum hot weather temperature of 119 degrees. That was a dry heat and far preferable to the sticky heat of the last few weeks with dust-storms and rain threatening but holding off.

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We *have* had a certain amount of rain recently, and it has been very welcome and refreshing, and so softened the ground that we have had one or two games of rugger. In the last one, the Detachment defeated a combined Gymkhana and Gunner side by 6 points to 3, in a very pleasant and enjoyable although rather unskilled game. Fifteen minutes each way was found to be quite enough to reduce all the players to a state of complete exhaustion.

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There has been a certain amount of "soccer," and the Machine Gunners' team have several times played a railway team from the Moghelpura Institute.

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Early in the month, Major Baxter organised a pigeon shoot throughout Cantonments, which provided a lot of fun for guns and spectators and a certain amount of excitement for the Cantonment magistrate, who apparently jumped to the conclusion that 1857 was starting all over again. However, he was pacified, and a second and more highly organised shoot was staged last Thursday; applications for inclusion in this, and for operation orders, were received by Major Baxter from many sources. The bags were 110 on the first shoot, and 103 on the second.

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Mr. Ingleden visited us early in the month on his way from Simla for three months' leave in England. We were very glad to see him, and we hope he will have a pleasant leave. We don't doubt that he will.

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Mr. Flower has just returned from a promotion exam. course and leave in Dalhousie; and Mr. Walton from a visit to the 4th Gurkhas in Razwak, the Regiment he hopes to join.

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Lahore in the hot weather, in the absence of communal riots, provides little to write home about. We can only hope that our correspondent in Dagshai will make up for the shortcomings of our Detachment notes.

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Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

August, 1929.

THERE are now two Squads at the Depôt: May Squad and August Squad. Recruiting of late has been exceptionally slow, so slow in fact that August Squad took no less than twenty-two days to form. It is interesting to note that already five recruits of this Squad have been discharged on medical grounds.

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So far as the Depôt is concerned the Territorial Army Training Year ends on the 30th September. As it is most unlikely

HEXHAM SHOW.

The Depôt Staff of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts rehearsing a Tableaux. (*Photo by E. W. Gosman*).

that we shall have any personnel of the Territorial Army attached to the Depôt between now and that date, we take this opportunity of publishing our final figures in the hopes that they may be of interest to not only serving personnel, but also to retired personnel of both the Regular and Territorial Battalions of the Regiment.

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During the period 7/1/29 to 15/6/29 numerous 6-day Courses were held at the Depôt for personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A. The following table shows the different Courses held, and how each was patronised by the Battalions of the Brigade.

Courses.	No. of Courses held.	4th Bn.	5th Bn.	6th Bn.	7th Bn.	Total.
Lewis Gun	2	31	16	13	0	60
Section Leaders ..	3	26	12	24	30	92
Drill	1	4	0	11	0	15
Intelligence ..	1	4	4	4	3	15
Mach. Gun (Recruits)	2	14	19	17	18	68
Infantry Rangefinder	1	2	1	4	0	7
Cookery	14	6	7	1	5	19
Signalling	1	0	0	0	9	9
Totals	–	87	59	74	65	285

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The Depôt have also assisted in Territorial Training, as follows:—

A P.S.I. of the 4th Battalion attended a 6-days' Course at Depôt, in preparation for Hythe.

A Fusilier of 4th Battalion attended a 14-days' Course at Depôt, undergoing instruction in the duties of Officers' Mess Serjeant.

One Officer of the 4th Battalion and two Officers of the 5th Battalion carried out 14-days' attachment.

One N.C.O. of Depôt attended at 6th Battalion Drill Hall to assist in training Recruits (four nights a week for five weeks).

The Adjutant, Training Cadre, and Serjeant Master Cook attended the Annual Camp of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A.

The Training Cadre assisted personnel of the 72nd Field Brigade, R.A., with their Annual A.A. Lewis Gun Course.

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In all 290 (All Ranks) of the 149th Brigade carried out attachments at the Depôt. We would hasten to add that it would have been quite impossible to compete with such a large number of students had it not been for the co-operation of the 1st Battalion, who lent us the necessary instructors for the Machine Gun and Infantry Rangefinder Courses.

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In spite of having only two really fine days during the ten days that we found the Staff of No. 1 Battalion at the Junior O.T.C. Camp at Strensall, the Camp was an undoubted success. We were pleased to have with us in the Battalion again Durham School and Newcastle High School (Staffs.). It was also particularly gratifying to us to have our near neighbours, the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the Battalion, and we were very pleased to renew our friendship with Capt. Robinson and Mr. Boll. Major Challons was a notable absentee from camp this year.

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Now that nearly the whole of the Depôt Staff have had time to snatch their hard-earned annual leave, and as we still have only a couple of Squads, all "Unemployed" N.C.O.'s are undergoing a Course in Weapon Training, Drill and Tactics.

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During the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from Major St. John, Capt. Thomas, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Bradford. We have also received official visits from the D.A.A. and Q.M.G. (Area), and the Assistant Inspector of Armourers (Northern Command). The latter gave us a good report as the result of his annual inspection of the Arms on charge of the Depôt.

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We are much indebted to Mr. Collingwood for having presented to the Officers' Mess the head of a serow.

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A party of over three hundred and twenty-five Norwegian Boy Scouts stayed with us on the nights of the 28th and 29th July. They were on their way to the Jamboree, at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead. They were accommodated in the Garrison Gymnasium and Theatre and were an exceptionally fine body of smart, well set-up, and well-disciplined boys. Quite a number of them spoke English, and the majority of them understood it.

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May Squad visited St. Nicholas's Cathedral on the 6th August.

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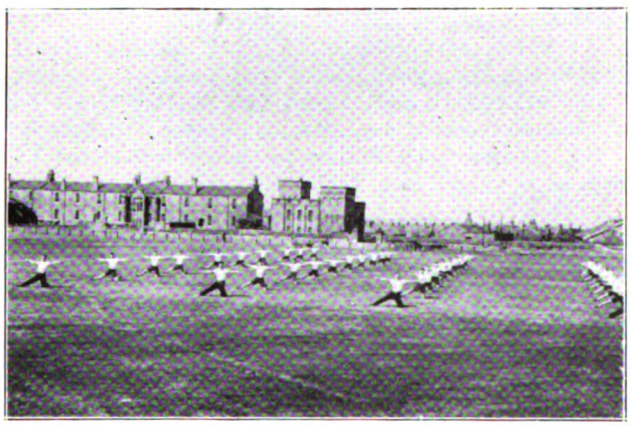
On Bank Holiday, 5th August, a Physical Training and Gymnastic Display was given by the 5th/68th Regimental Depôt, at the Hexham Agricultural Show. The display appears to have been much appreciated. A similar display was given last year. Great credit is due to Q.M.S. I. F. Horlock



RECRUITS, 5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPÔT REHEARSING FOR HEXHAM DISPLAY.
(Photo by E. W. Gorman.)

(A.P.T.S.) for the way in which the team was trained, and also to all those who took part in giving such a good display. Photographs of the display appear elsewhere in the *Gazette*.

The following letter has been received from the President of the Hexham Agricultural Show :—

> "I write to thank you all for the very good show the Depôt gave us at Hexham last Monday. It was enormously appreciated by everyone and greatly helped towards the success of the Show. We were very struck with the way the men drilled, and it must have been all the harder to do well on the grass.
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> We are very grateful for all the trouble that must have been taken by everyone concerned.
>
> (signed) ALLENDALE."

Extracts from Depôt Orders.

Postings.—No. 4265918 Fus. H. Allison, posted to Depôt (dated 22/7/29). No. 4265677 Fus. J. Harnett, re-posted to 1st Bn. (dated 22/7/29). No. 4262705 Lce.-Cpl. G. Lawson, posted to Depôt (dated 16/8/29).

Re-engagement.—No. 4258053 Sjt. J. T. W. Annison, re-engaged on 13/8/29, to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

Strength.—Depôt Staff, 69. Recruits, 60 (23/8/29).

Rifle Meeting.

Last year, for various reasons, it was not found possible to hold a Rifle Meeting. This year a Rifle Meeting was held at Ponteland Ranges on 22nd August. The meeting was confined to members of the Depôt Staff, of whom fifty-one, including six Officers, were able to participate.

The results, together with a brief description of each competition, are appended :—

Event A—Individual Competition.

Three classes :—Serjeants, Corporals, Fusiliers.
Practice 1. Snapshooting, 300 yds., lying in open, 3 secs. exposure.
Practice 2. Rapid, 300 yds., lying in open, 1 minute.
Practice 3. Gas, 300 yds., lying in open, 1 minute.
Practice 4. Application, 500 yds., lying in open.
Results :—H.P.S., 100.
1st Prizes :—C.S.M. Curtis (81), Cpl. Ferguson (73), Fus. Nicholson (61).
2nd Prizes :—Lce.-Sjt. Gray (61), Lce.-Cpl. Stockhouse (58), Fus. Maddison (57).

Event B—Teams of eight :—

Three classes :—Serjeants, Corporals, Fusiliers.
Practice 1. Same as Practice 1 of Event A.
Practice 2. Same as Practice 3 of Event A.
Practice 3. Advance. 600 yds.—100 yds.
Results :—H.P.S., 640 (1, Corporals, 341 ; 2, Serjeants, 324 ; 3, Fusiliers, 302).
Winning team scores :—

Cpl. Pearson ..	35	L/Cpl. Buchanan ..	24
Cpl. Ferguson ..	54	L/Cpl. Stockhouse ..	60
L/Cpl. Gray	29	L/Cpl. Lawson ..	52
L/Cpl. Lee	39	L/Cpl. Canvin ..	48

Event C—Individual Competition.

Rapid, 300 yds., 15 rounds, lying in open, 1 minute.
Results :—H.P.S., 45.
1st prize, Sjt. Annison, 44 ; 2nd prize, Lce.-Cpl. Lawson, 39 ; 3rd prize, Sjt. Bowker, 38.

Event D—A 2-inch square Pool Bull, 300 yds.

C.S.M. Curtis, Lce.-Sjt. Graham, Cpl. Pearson, Lce.-Cpl. Lawson, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Wardle, Fus. Hodgson, Fus. Ouzman.

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THE CARDEN SHIELD.

The Carden Shield (presented last year by Mrs. Carden, O.B.E.) is the work of the late Major-General George Carden, and is competed for annually by the Officers and Serjeants of the Depôt. Last year the Serjeants won by 1 point only. This year they succeeded in defeating the Officers by 11 points. In the absence (on duty) of Capt. Hogshaw the teams were six aside and the practices were the same as event B.

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Results :—H.P.S., 480. Winning team :—Serjeants, 241 ; Officers, 230.

	Snap.	Gas.	Advance.	Total.
C.S.M. Curtis ..	9	17	30	56
Sjt. Bowker	3	13	23	39
Sjt. Annison ..	0	6	23	29
Lce.-Sjt. Gray ..	3	9	21	33
Lce.-Sjt. Graham ..	10	9	24	43
C.Q.M.S. Lewis ..	0	10	31	41
Total				241

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C.S.M. Curtis shot consistently well throughout the whole meeting, but was narrowly beaten for highest score in the Carden Shield by Capt. Maynard, who attained a score of 58 points.

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The Companies of the Depôt were represented in the prize list and winning teams as follows :—

Administrative Company, 11 (29 firers).
Training Company, 11 (12 firers).
Training Cadre, 8 (4 firers).

Regimental Museum.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	55	13	0
Brigadier H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
H. A. Ingledew, Esq.	0	10	0
Total	£57	3	0

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We have to acknowledge with grateful thanks the undermentioned presentations to the Museum :—

Four Maps of Indian Frontier (1890).—Mr. Ingledew.

Early French Map of St. Eloi, based on an Air Photograph taken by the late Lieut. R. T. Vachell, 5th Fusiliers—Brigadier H. R. Sandilands.

A Map belonging to a French Boy Scout who guided 1st Battalion during the Great War to their camp from Havre—Brigadier H. R. Sandilands.

Cricket.

Depot Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Sandyford C.C.

13th July. Lost by 83 runs.

SANDYFORD.

Elliott, b Jarmain	0
Goldberg, c and b Cuthbert	3
Atkinson, c R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Gent	22
Myers, b Gent	47
Telfor, b Gent	19
Burke, c and b Cuthbert	1
Richardson, c Thornton, b Cuthbert	0
T. Rutherford, run out	6
Collins, c Gent, b Jarmain	11
Forster, b Gent	8
Rutherford, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	129

DEPÔT, FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sjt. Gent, lbw, b Atkinson	4
Fus. Cuthbert, run out	0
Cpl. Jarmain, b Atkinson	0
R.Q.M.S. Willson, b Telfor	0
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Telfor	12
Sjt. Jamieson, c Rutherford, b Atkinson	6
Sjt. Peppiatt, not out	14
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Atkinson	0
Fus. Barnes, c Goldberg, b Atkinson	4
Fus. Harnett, c Rutherford, b Telfor	0
Fus. Sanderson, b Telfor	0
Extras	6
Total	46

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Depot Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Westgate Hall.

16th July. Won by 68 runs.

WESTGATE HALL.

Clark, b Finnamore	4
Snaith, run out	0
Forster, b Cuthbert	3
Jones, b Finnamore	1
Raine, b Finnamore	9
Fellingham, c Taylor, b Finnamore	0
Hawkes, c Peppiatt, b Finnamore	9
Morton, b Finnamore	0
Lake, c Hogshaw, b Cuthbert	3
J. Raine, c Cuthbert, b Jarmain	13
Bell, not out	2
Extras	5
Total	49

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Cuthbert, lbw, b Clark	6
Cpl. Jarmain, b Clark	0
Sjt. Finnamore, b Clark	5
Sjt. Gent, c Fellingham, b Raine	5
Capt. Hogshaw, b Clark	20
R.Q.M.S. Willson, b Raine	1
Sjt. Peppiatt, lbw, b Raine	0
Cpl. Taylor, c Clark, b Fellingham	12
Sjt. Jamieson, b Clark	5
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, not out	25
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Morton	31
Extras	7
Total	117

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

26th August, 1929.

ALL is quiet on the Newburn front—that is to say there are no feverish activities predominant at the present time. This does not mean that our Detachment Drill Hall is locked up, or that we no longer take any interest in Territorial Soldiering—not at all—certainly not, we are, as a matter of fact, very much alive.

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For instance, we are very much alive to the fact that we are hard up, and our bounties have not yet been paid.

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Even though the Drill Hall is deserted there is a sort of tension in the air, a kind of atmosphere of sullen expectancy, a subterranean murmur which seems to say, "There doesn't seem to be anybody about, but we are here, just waiting for any stray Company Commander with an attaché case."

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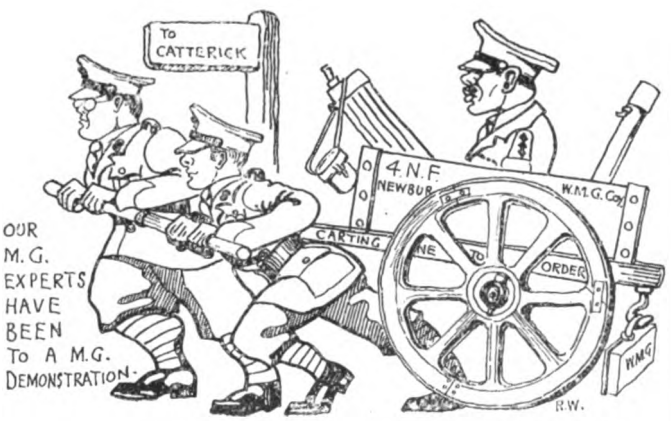
Things are moving, of course, in other ways, such as Sjt.



Milburn shooting in good form at the Northumberland County Rifle Meeting and also recording many bulls at the Annual Shoot of the Northumberland and Durham Serjeants' and Petty Officers' Association.

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He is practically our only remaining shooting enthusiast. Long may he continue to be so—I mean enthusiastic, but not solitary.

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It is very pleasing to know that we have others keen, too; for instance C.S.M. "Tommy" Brown came all the way from Lincolnshire to shoot— stout fellow, ahem! no offence.

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All our machine gunning experts have been away to Catterick to witness some demonstration; they don't even stoop to tell us about it, because apparently, we "might not understand."

Serjeants' Mess.

27th August, 1929.

C.S.M. "Tommy" Brown paid us a visit during the month—may I take this somewhat belated opportunity of offering him our hearty congratulations on receiving a Bar to his T.E. medal, may you live long to wear it.

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Thanks to "Tommy," our wireless set is once more functioning, in fact he gave us a demonstration how to get in touch with "Graf Zeppelin" after midnight, with wonderful results.

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We had a very lean time at the Annual Rifle Meeting this year; this, no doubt was due to two things—too much juice and a shortage of competitors.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Milburn on winning the Stephenson Cup at the M.D. and P.O. and Serjeants' Rifle Meeting. Well done "Bob," we knew you could do it.

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On the 26th instant, about 30 members proceeded to Barnard Castle for our annual trip, where we spent a most enjoyable day. Everything turned out splendid for us, the weather was beautiful, and the menu was better still, and I take this opportunity of thanking the committee for the hard work they have done for making this trip a success.

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Ere these notes are in print, several members will have been to the unveiling of the Divisional Memorial at Wieltje, Ypres. Our thoughts will be with them in prayer on 1st September, 1929.

M.G.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,

August, 1929.

AUGUST is usually a month of peace and quiet, but this year August seems to have been a fairly busy month. H.Q. at Walker appears to have been visited frequently by Officers, but whether these visitations have been in the course of duty is open to question.

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This year all bounties have been very quickly disposed of, H.Q. Wing being the last to pay out on the 13th instant, this proved a lengthy business, not being completed until after "closing time."

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The last Musketry Practice for those who had not yet completed their Annual Musketry Course was held at Ponteland, on 11th August, there being a fair muster of the "laggards." After the Butt Registers had been handed in, our worthy Adjutant heaved a sigh of relief, and travelled home pleasantly occupied with the thought of tea in bed on succeeding Sunday mornings.

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The Annual Rifle Meeting of the Northumberland Rifle Association was held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 3rd, 4th and 5th August. Sorry to relate we were not as successful

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as last year, and, as was the case last year, the Bourne M.G. Cup went to the 6th Battalion, to whom we offer our congratulations. The weather was most inclement, and greatly mitigated against good shooting, while towards the end of the Meeting the ardour of a great many had been somewhat "damped down." However, once again Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. Wing, managed to pick up two 10s. prizes, while Fus. Carr, a rather promising shot, managed to obtain second place in the Recruits Prize. Appended are the results :—

Recruits Prize.—Fus. L. Carr, "D" Coy., 2nd place, 20s.; Fus. G. Laws, "B" Coy., 5th place, 10s.

Association Prize.—Lce.-Cpl. N. Milbourne, H.Q. Wing, 10s.

County Aggregate.—Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. Wing, 10s.

T.A. Service Rifle Championship.—Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. Wing, 10s.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 576 Other Ranks.

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The Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., carried out his Annual Inspection of the Battalion in Quarters on the 2nd instant, and expressed himself satisfied with all he saw. He proved himself especially interested in the Q.M.'s Department and Accounts, with the result that our Q.M. and the Permanent Staff are intending to take up Accounting (Prelim.) by means of a correspondence course.

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We welcome Mr. N. F. Field on his joining the Battalion, and hope that his sojourn amongst us will be long and profitable.

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It has been announced in *The London Gazette* that Lieut.-Col. T. J. Carlile relinquishes his commission in the T.A. Reserve of Officers on attaining the age limit, and has been granted permission to retain his rank.

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A 50th Divisional Exercise is to be held at Morpeth on the 18th and 19th October, which is to be attended by our Commanding Officer and Adjutant, Capt. T. A. Carlile, and Messrs. Rowe and Besley of the M.G. Company.

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The Machine Gun Concentration, held at Wath Gill, was attended by Capt. T. A. Carlile and Lieut. D. E. Rowe. They witnessed the demonstration of an M.G. Platoon in the attack and in a rearguard action. Ball ammunition was fired at ranges something like 2,400 yards, and it only required a few trenches and dug-outs with barbed wire thrown out in front to resemble a sector in the line. The schemes were very explicitly explained by Capt. Buckley, of the 1st Battalion, who gave every assistance in his power to enable Territorial Army spectators to understand what was going on. At the end of each show a criticism was given by Mr. Mackley, of the Cameronians, and by Capt. Ainley, of the Green Howards, who proved to be mines of information to those thirsting for knowledge. Thanks are due to the above Officers for the very profitable visit which was spent by Capt. Carlile and Lieut. Rowe.

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On Saturday, 10th August, at the kind invitation of Col. and Mrs. Anderson, the Officers and their wives, and also the W.O.'s, Serjeants and their wives and families attended a Garden Fête, held at their home at Wylam. The day, fortunately, was fine.

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There were some 102 guests present. Visitors were conveyed to Wylam by charas from Walker, Wallsend and Gosforth, and the afternoon was spent in the great enjoyment of various excellent organized shows.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

26th August, 1929.

ALL is quiet on the 7th Battalion front. Annual Training and Annual Inspection is over and forgotten, and we are reduced to squabbling with the Regimental Paymaster over insurance stamps and bounties to extract any excitement out of life.

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The County Rifle Meeting on 3rd—5th August, gave us an opportunity to spread ourselves out. Upwards of 80 individuals of the 7th Battalion actively competed and collected forty odd pounds in prize money. Of seven team events, for which the Battalion were eligible to enter teams, three were won by the 7th Battalion, and in only one event were we unplaced.

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We congratulate "A" Company (Capt. E. H. Watson) on winning both the Lambton Cup and the *Newcastle Chronicle* Cup, and the 7th Battalion Rifle Club Team on winning the Co-operative Union Challenge Cup after a most exciting tournament. We hope to have photographs of the successful teams for publication in next month's issue.

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Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, 1st Battalion, has been selected to relieve Capt. R. Trenam M.B.E., M.C., on the change over of Adjutants on 5th December next. We congratulate ourselves and Mr Carr-Ellison on this very popular selection.

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A torn muscle acquired at tennis has reduced the mobility of our C.O. during the past few weeks. He is being dispatched for repairs to Czecho-Slovakia at an early date and we hope he will be returned to us sound and fit again in time for the 50th Division exercise in October.

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Our strength to-day is 21 Officers, 529 Other Ranks.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,

August, 1929.

TESTIMONY to the excellence of the pioneer work, done by our friend Mr. H. I Morgan, in the formation of the London Branch of the 5th Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association, is given by the latest recruit to this splendid form

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of organization. Following in his energetic footsteps, there is being formed an Old Comrades' Association of 5th Fusiliers at Leeds. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. I. Winteringham and their headquarters is at the British Legion Club, Albion Street, Leeds. Many ex-Fusiliers find their way to this City, and the O.C.A. there should be a great boon to them. We wish the branch every success.

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The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

Hundreds of ex-Fifth Fusiliers, many of them with wives and bairns, are in very poor and distressed circumstances through no fault of their own. Will you, dear reader, help the Committee to help them? Thank you.

Anything in the way of bawbees or old clothing will be gratefully received by

The Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A GENERAL Meeting was held in St. George's Drill Hall on the 17th July; 60 members were present.

It was proposed and carried that an Annual Dinner be held on or about Armistice Day, in the County Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. After the Meeting closed a concert was held, a very enjoyable evening was spent, which ended at 10 p.m.

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A Committee Meeting was held in the Orderly Room, at the Depôt, Fenham Barracks, on Sunday, 21st July; three members were unable to attend: Mr. C. Mercer, through illness, from which we hope he has now recovered, Mr. H. Brooks and Mr. H. Slater for other reasons.

Arrangements for the Annual Dinner were gone into.

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Whist Drives were held on Fridays, the 9th and 16th of August, in St. George's Drill Hall; a fair number turned up, and very enjoyable evenings were spent.

It is intended to hold Whist Drives every Friday evening during the coming season.

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Strength to date :—Fully-paid members, 112. Partly-paid members, 155.

London Area.

We welcomed an Old Fifth Fusilier here in London during the holiday season, namely Mr. C. A. Carr, who left the 1st Battalion in 1894, subsequently joined the Police Force in Sunderland, and recently retired with the rank of Inspector.

Having paid a visit to our Vice-President, Geo. Redhead, Esq., we may all rest re-assured that he was received with hospitality in accordance with the tradition of the FIFTH.

Many Old Fusiliers, when visiting London, find it most convenient to call on the rendezvous where Geo. Redhead can always be found, and in this respect we are rather fortunate in having such a splendid "liaison."

Deceased.—We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Jordon, late No. 2220, 2nd Battalion, who lost his arm in the Great War; the cause of his death was cancer.

Unfortunately he was not a member of the O.C.A., and although he died some three weeks ago, news of his death has only recently come to hand.

A letter of condolence has been sent to his widow, who is left with four small children, and efforts are being made to obtain some assistance for her.

Social side of the O.C.A.—As the winter months will soon be upon us, ones thoughts are turning towards the best way to cater for our members in the way of entertainment after the General Meeting.

Last season some splendid programmes were arranged, but, unfortunately, were not patronized as well as they deserved.

Steps have, however, been taken to provide good-class programmes for the coming season, and an appeal is being made to members to support the efforts of the organizers, and an increase in the attendance is looked forward to.

The General Meeting will be held at Headquarters, the Veterans' Club, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, 25th September, 1929.

The Re-Union Dinner will be held at the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C. 1., on Armistice Night. Will all members please book this date?

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St. George's Gazette.

A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

30th September, 1929.

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Lieut. C. C. G. Milward	

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The notification concerning Lieut. H. A. Ingledew in the *Gazette* of 9th July, is cancelled.

Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., on completion of his period of service in commands, is placed on the half-pay list (dated 15th September); Major O. B. Foster, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 15th September); Capt. H. O. Sutherland to be Major (dated 15th September).

The following Lieut.-Colonel to be Colonel:—S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., half-pay list (dated 24th September), with seniority 1st January, 1923.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Officer Cadet H. S. Hitchen (from Leeds University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 4th September).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
September, 1929.

BRIGADE Training, which is more or less the *piéce de resistance* of the year, is now over, and we are once more back in York. Most of us agree, if not all, that it was a wonderful nineteen days. Weather perfect, camp excellent, staff amiable, and the training producing much food for thought, which is exactly what such training should produce, but sometimes doesn't.

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This "food for thought" business reminds one of a certain N.C.O. in camp, who was giving a Fusilier a piece of his mind and was overheard to say: "If you gave as much time to food for thought as you do to thought for food you'd —— " etc., etc.

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We reckon we've covered over 240 miles on our flat feet in the nineteen days, mounted officers excluded; the march to Wath Gill and back being upwards of 100 miles—the way we went; we feel we could have covered the distance in five days pretty easily. The Battalion certainly marched very well, the return march being easy work, as it should have been.

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A large number of the Battalion saw tanks operating for the first time, and some of us began to wonder, at one stage of the training, what Infantry were really for, after seeing these monsters roaring through us, dealing imaginary death in all directions. They certainly are unpleasant brutes, but not half so unpleasant as they look and sound.

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Rifle Companies perhaps had their fair share of doing nothing, but this is always so in the bigger manœuvres, and those who were slightly bored with inaction must remember that these types of exercises are primarily to exercise the higher commands and staff, and this can best be done by having actual troops

WATH GILL.

to move about—the limitations of the various arms are not so noticeable when moved about in theory only.

We had two long bouts of about twenty hours out, and "night life" on the Yorkshire Moors wasn't quite up to the

CHURCH PARADE, WATH GILL.

average temperature of such life in the big cities, but how much more invigorating!

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One peculiar fact arose out of the welter of battlings—the strange magnetic influence of a certain feature named Barden Fell. This feature dominated everything, except other features in its vicinity—everything but these did it dominate—schemes, tanks, staff, infantry, umpires—everything!

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Something abnormal about this Barden Fell—perhaps some old and fiercesome battles were fought on it. "The Battle of Barden Fell"—sounds as if it *must* have been. Anyhow, whether or no, the fact remains that that hill had a "pull" in it—everything got there in the end, whether it walked, rode, flew, tanked or motored, and if either Northland, Eastland, Southland, Westland, or any other "land" got there second, it *ipso facto* lost not only the battle but the war.

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This wonderful hill has almost, if not quite, altered many of the axioms of war, etc.; they anyhow require alteration when war is in its vicinity.

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The following are a few of the axioms, etc., changed to suit this wierd local condition:—

1. Time spent in reconnaissance in the Barden Fell area is invariably wasted.
2. Commanders will often find their intentions thwarted at every turn. They will often lack information both of their own troops and of the enemy. They will feel that their plans are possibly based on incorrect data. The execution of their projects will rest with others than themselves. Commanders must be unaffected by all these influences, and must have the resolution and strength of will to force—their way to Barden Fell.
3. The distance of the flank guard from the main body is NOT governed by the principles which apply to other protective detachments when the main body is marching past Barden Fell.

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4. Tanks CAN be committed to action without adequate air and ground reconnaissance when operating in the Barden Fell area.
5. Liability to air observation by day in the Barden Fell area does NOT restrict the movement of troops largely to the hours of darkness.
6. The passive occupation of Barden Fell is justified and will NOT involve the risk of crushing defeat.

These are fair examples of what that Fell can bring about.

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This Fell deserves an ode, which also may help to better "paint the picture":—

The Staff were a-weaving a plan ;
The movement of troops was immense ;
The foe would be killed to a man ;
But where would the fight be intense ?
Yes ? Well ?
Why, Barden Fell!

Then the troops were got under way ;
Long columns far out to the west—
Who shall say where they'll meet their prey ?
Or perchance the enemy's guessed ?
Yes ? Well ?
It's Barden Fell!

Soon after the umpires set forth,
With wisdom and knowledge imbued,
They take the long trail to the north,
But where best to deal with the feud ?
Yes ? Well ?
Oh! Barden Fell!

One column marched up the long rise
That leads to the bridge o'er the Swayle ;
Out on the right the flank guard lies,
But how cover the column's tail ?
Yes ? Well ?
Hold Barden Fell!

The guns are in action behind,
Their shells pass in streams overhead.
The O.P.'s are no longer blind,
For what has the C.R.A. said ?
Yes ? Well ?
They're on Barden Fell!

There! the enemy's tanks at last!
Launched to deal us a heavy knock.
Look out! they're coming on fast!
The mines ? The anti-tank block ?
All's well!
They're on Barden Fell!

The battle is waged all the day ;
At last does the pressure abate :
We're over the Swayle and away—
To what do we owe this kind fate ?
Yes ? Well ?
Why! To Barden Fell!

Discussion now follows this war :
We've learnt quite a lot of good things—
Summed up, it is just this one law,
Which, if followed, victory brings :—
He who holds Barden Fell
Doth sound at once his foe's death-knell!

Oh ! leaders great, remember this,
When next you fight by River Swayle,
To never give that Fell a miss,
Or sure to God they'll twist your tail!

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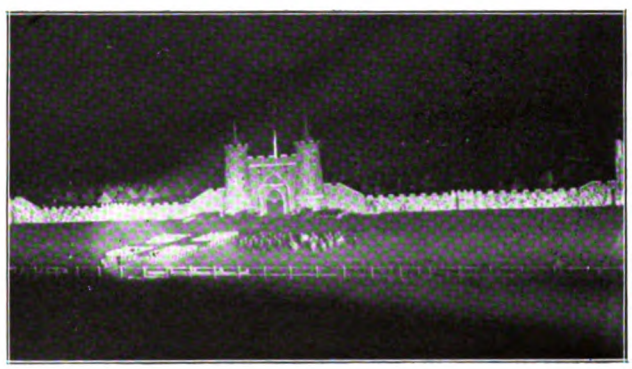
Our mental energies have now been switched off tactics and directed on to that phase of military life termed "Winter Training," a pestering phase for Company Commanders and possibly others, when education and P.T. experts, to say nothing of the many persons with administrative brooms to wield, come flooding into Company offices with masses of paper, time-tables, memos, inquiries, etc. : "Fusilier Jones must work for his 2nd, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon," "Fusilier Jones must develop his muscles between 9 a.m. and 12 noon," "Fusilier Jones must work in the cook-house between 9 a.m. and 12 noon."



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After much argument it is probably discovered that Fusilier Jones is in hospital, and likely to remain there!

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The G.-O.-C.'s Annual Inspection, on the 25th October, is looming daily nearer, which looming entails making certain that innumerable books are amended, brought up to date, and so on. It would be a fearful anti-climax after a year's work to get a "raspberry" because Fus. Smith's A.B. something or other wasn't entered up properly, or that the number on his haversack wasn't the same as the number on his blanket, which again was different to the number tattooed on his back! And the terrible things of this sort that can happen are beyond thinking about.

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Much movement of Officers.

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Captain Thomas has joined pending posting to either Battalion. Mr. Clarke has gone to the Depôt for a tour of duty. Mr. Bolster sails to join the 2nd Battalion on or about the 4th October. Mr. Laing has gone on a P.T. Course, and Mr. Enderby has gone to Hythe.

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Mr. Fishbourne is about to join us from Sandhurst.

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Captain Buckley has gone on leave, the best move of the whole lot!

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We congratulate Major Sutherland on his promotion to that rank and only hope that this rise up won't mean his leaving us for India.

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Others are messing up a certain well-known page in the Army List in their repeated reference to help their dreams, calculations and hopes.

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The Mess notice-board is getting that equine atmosphere, with notices of "hunters" for sale, etc. We only hope that such a board at the M.G. School at Netheravon is similarly decorated for the benefit of Captain Seth-Smith. If it isn't, we might consider taking a photograph of ours and sending it to him.

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We have to congratulate both Mr. Carr-Ellison and Mr. Beckwith on their preliminary moves towards the matrimonial objective—both having become engaged during the last month. This dual engagement deserves a small ode, and what better than two verses from "The Singer," by Lawrence Hope? Two verses that hold a happy thought for the future, and not merely a stupid rhapsody on the present :—

He only sang of Love : its joy and pain,
But each man in his early season loves ;
Each finds the old, lost Paradise again,
Unfolding leaves, and roses, nesting doves.

And though that sunlit time flies all too fleetly,
Delightful days that dance away too soon!
Its early morning freshness lingers sweetly
Throughout life's grey and tedious afternoon.

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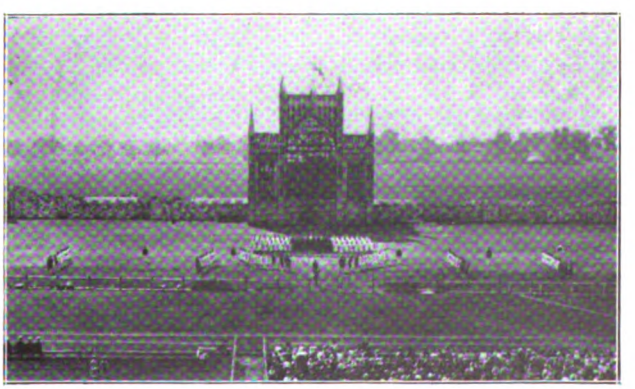
Beautiful; but perhaps with just a shade of melancholy, which, however, won't be thoroughly appreciated until the "grey and tedious afternoon"; which for our two friends is



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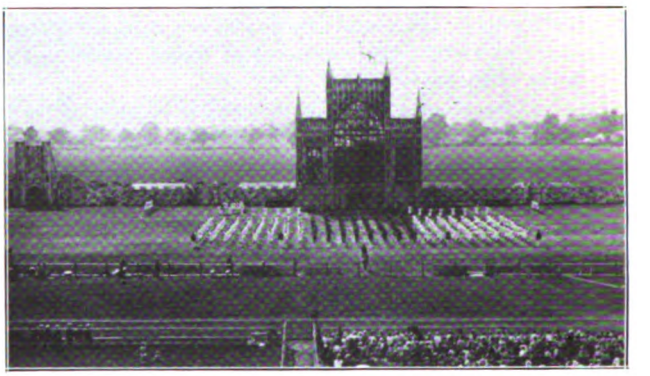
some long way off. We wish them many "delightful days" that won't "dance away too soon."

Major Foster sent us a telegram from Southampton on



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embarking for India to take over command of the 2nd Battalion. We all wish him the best of luck.

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Elsewhere will be found photographs of the Tattoo, showing our P.T. Display and the Massed Bands, etc. ; also photographs of Wath Gill Camp.

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Football has started, and we have won our first match, *versus* the York Post Office, by 11 goals to 0—a good start.

Serjeants' Mess.

September.

Here we are again, back in York, after traversing many miles during the training.

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Everyone is quite fit and well, and life goes on as usual.

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Congratulations are extended to the following for their appointments and promotions :—Lce.-Sjt. Obey to Serjeant, and appointed Band Serjeant ; Cpl. Hitchins to Serjeant, and appointed Transport-Serjeant ; Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson to paid Lance-Serjeant.

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The R.S.M. is now a joy to behold! He has a beaming countenance ; he exudes happiness. At last, after many months of tedious waiting, waiting which unnerved and gnawed at the system, his hot-water tap functions. Hooray and three cheers!

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Sjt. Fitzgerald has left us to go to civilian life. Our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Fitzgerald for a successful life.

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Sjt. Hullyer, who left some time ago, is going on very well.

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Sjt. Fotheray is now enjoying (?) the benefits of a Course of Machine Gunnery.

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Sjt. Basington has taken up his football again, and performed very creditably during the month.

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To what use is powder put these modern days?

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We know of various sorts of powder, such as "Keating's," "Face," "Tooth," and "Foot." But never in all our experience have we heard of "Foot" powder being used on a cycle.

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Why was the cycle of "Matty" bathed in "Foot powder"? Do cycles get sore feet? Even the saddle was covered. Was that to ease the blisters of "Matty"?

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Perhaps it was that delicacy "brawn" that caused all the trouble!

That is the probable solution. There was "brawn" to the right of us, "brawn" to the left of us, "brawn" in front of us, and so on, *ad infinitum*.

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This stuff, where did it come from?
It caused strong men to weep, tanned men
Turned pale, and "Biu"—
Well, he just said !!!!!!!*?

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The purveyor of this ghastly stuff was very lucky indeed. He was knighted, and henceforth he is to be known as the "Baron de Brawn."

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Our own monument of muscular might—to wit, "Charlie" Dyke—has left us to take up the reins of office on the troop deck. The derrick aforementioned will have to be strong.

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On Saturday, the 21st instant, a Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess, and ably presided over by Q.S.M. Carein.

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A most enjoyable evening was spent, although the attendance at whist was rather small.

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The winners were:—

LADIES.	GENTS.
1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, Sjt. Hitchens
2, Mrs. Chislett	2, Sjt. Bell

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The Drum-Major, and through him the Corps of Drums, is to be heartily congratulated on their splendid performance during the march to and from Training.

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Finally the education goes apace with renewed vigour, Sjt. Croft has ceased to be a "Gunner" and "Jockey" and taken up teaching.

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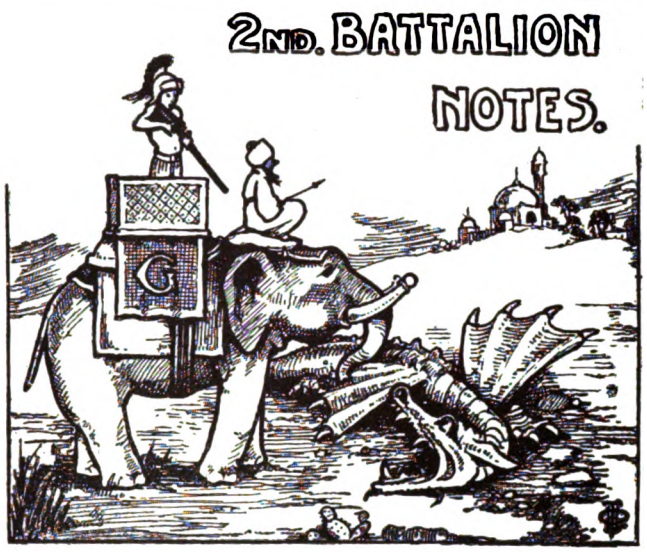
A telegram was received from ex-Sjt. Redhead:—

"Cheerio! 31st anniversary of Omdurman."



Dagshai

September, 1929.

LIEUT.-COLONEL S. H. KERSHAW, D.S.O., Commanding Lahore Brigade, visited Dagshai from 4th to 8th September, and returns on the 11th for one day before departing for Lahore. Colonel Kershaw gives up command of the 2nd Bn. 5th Fusiliers, on the arrival of Major O. B. Foster, M.C., from England at the beginning of October, 1929. It needs the pen of a far more gifted writer than your present correspondent to describe the benefits to the Battalion of Colonel Kershaw's tenure of command, but it would not be too early to say now that in losing him every Officer and man in the Battalion feels they lose a splendid Commanding Officer and a very true friend.

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The midsummer change over of "B" and "C" Companies and part of the M.G. Company from Dagshai with "A" Company and the remainder of the M.G. Company and details from Lahore, took place during the last days of July.

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The weather during the change-over might be described as cool, but damp.

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The downcoming Companies told dreadful tales of torrential rain and impossible roads, whilst the upgoing party sniggered with delight at the sight of rosy faces beaded with perspiration and described in detail the horrors to be expected during the coming months in the plains.

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"A" Company, part of the M.G. Company, and details from "B" and "C" Companies arrived at Kalka at 6.30 a.m. on 1st August, and having here got well soaked in transferring to the narrow gauge remained so for the remainder of the day.

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The unloading at Dharampore (the station for Dagshai) and the subsequent march up the hill to our Barracks was a nightmare of rain, mud and slow moving bullock carts.

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However, we eventually settled in during the late afternoon,

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and after the lull of a couple of days to dry and find our way about, burst into a blaze of energy in work and sport.

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During August and the first part of September, a Platoon Football Tournament was held in conjunction with the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. After many hard-fought games, the final took place between No. 7 Platoon R.S.F. and "A" Team ("D") M.G. Company 5th Fusiliers, the result being a win for the former by 2 goals to 1.

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A Hockey Tournament on the same lines is now in progress.

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The second young and future N.C.O.'s Class, and the second Weapon Training Cadre are also attracting those who have leanings towards these matters.

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However, the topic for the moment, beside the homeward bound troopers, is the chance or chances of the Regimental team in the Durand Football Tournament—the premier football tournament of India—which commences on 14th September at Simla.

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This year 32 teams, representing the pick of the Military and civilian teams, were entered, and we cherish a secret hope that our team will go far.

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In the first round we play the North Western Railway on 18th September, and on form should pass into the second round when we should meet our old but friendly rivals, the 2nd D.L.I., should they also be successful in their first match against the Gordon Highlanders from Delhi.

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Arrangements are already in hand for the provision of a special train to take the Fusiliers from here and the Light Infantrymen from Solon (which is further up the line) to Simla to watch the good game, which is bound to be the result of the meeting.

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This should take place about the 27th September, and we imagine that Simla that day will learn something as to the nature and mode of progression to the celebrated "Blaydon Races."

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We wish our team all the luck in the world. They are perfectly fit, but could have done with more practice together—the defence is as good, or better than anything we have ever had; the forwards have yet to show their true form.

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Many of the team are playing in their last tournament in India, and go to the Reserve this trooping season—these have been the backbone of the team for years, and we hope that once more they will bring success to the Regiment before they go. The team is as follows:—*Goal*, Fus. McGiven; *backs*, Fus. Fullard and Graham; *half-backs*, Fus. Turner, Lce.-Cpl. Calvert, Fus. Smith; *forwards*, Fus. Cooper, Lce.-Cpl. Gillon, Fus. McCaffrey, Lce.-Cpl. Lench and Lce.-Cpl. Clayton. *Reserves*, Fus. Beck, Wigham, Dreher and Lce.-Cpl. Galloway; *trainer*, Sjt. Earl.

Whilst the present party has been in Dagshai, two concerts have been held by the Band.

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Both were great successes, and the numbers on the programme much appreciated, especially the vocal selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

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The Band now turn their thoughts and efforts in a different direction.

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They have obtained the contract to play during the winter at the Gymkhana Club, Lahore, and from now on the khud side will sigh with the sonorous sob of the saxophone and the sybilant snort of the sousaphone.

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It has always been a matter of interest to those uninitiated in the mysteries of the latter instrument as to how its player enters its coils and how he disengages himself from its clutches without having to undress.

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It is always a mystery to the writer of these notes, who is one of those unfortunate and overworked individuals that can scarcely ever scramble away for even a day without either being recalled or being pestered whilst away with rude and almost indelicate questions as to events months past, how many others can disappear like summer clouds before a gale, during the warmer months of the year.

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When Fusiliers or N.C.O.'s are required for anything from a Church Orderly to a Football team reserve it is almost invariably found that they are employed or are on leave in the most inaccessible spots in the Indian Empire.

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Officers are scattered more widely still.

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We hear that Major Critchley Salmonson was received with every mark of respect during his recent tour of the middle and near East and the Latin countries of Southern Europe, by the Emirs, rulers and statesmen of these same countries.

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Capt. Chipper was last heard of in France, where, we trust, he is enjoying himself in the study of the language and inhabitants of that delightful country.

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Our secret service is silent regarding the doings of Mr. Leach and Mr. Foster.

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Mr. Bradford was last heard of horrifying the younger undergraduates of Oxford with tales of hardships and trials bravely borne in the far off Indies.

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Nearer afield Mr. Grimley and Mr. Martin, after almost insuperable difficulties, fought their way in to Kashmir, where they are now no doubt complimenting themselves on their success, as there seems little chance of their being able to return before Christmas, should any more rain fall.

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The floods of Northern India this year have excelled anything in that nature for several decades, and the road to Kashmir was impassable for the whole 200 odd miles of its length, to any but the hardiest spirits. Bridges were washed away and roads entirely obliterated. Did this daunt these two fearless and ardent Fusiliers—devil a bit.

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Mr. Grimley was last seen with a small bundle of necessaries tied to his head, swimming madly across the flooded Jhelum, whilst Mr. Martin swung hand over hand along the last remaining and very frayed telegraph wire spanning the spot where the Kohala bridge once stood.

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Mr. Milward has returned from five weeks leave in Chamba State, where he endeavoured without success to get to grips with red bear or ibex.

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Mr. Tarleton had the misfortune to be held up in Simla for a fortnight, owing to his younger brother having to go into hospital there. He states he got very bored spending all his time hanging about waiting for the invalid to recover.

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A certain amount of interest has been roused among our local natural history experts owing to the sighting by Capt. Plummer of an extremely rare moth, just outside the Dagshai Club.

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He describes it as shaped like a bat, with feathers, and a long bony membrane resembling the tail of the ordinary Assam moth—its wings, he states, were eliptical in shape, and luminous.

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The creature itself making a low purring noise the while. A description of this strange insect will no doubt shortly appear in the *Field*.

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In conclusion, the writer wishes to apologise if no notes for the 2nd Battalion appeared in the last issue of the *St. George's Gazette*, but owing to the handing over of duties consequent on the move up, rather suspects that none were handed in for August.

Sports Notes.

There has been the usual round of sports at Dagshai.

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During the first half of the Hill Season, our Machine Gun Detachment reached the final of the Depôt Inter-Platoon Football Competition, and by the irony of fate were beaten in the last minute of the game, by a penalty goal, the final score being 2—1. The winning team was a Platoon from the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

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During the present half of the Hill Season, the second Machine Gun Detachment also succeeded in reaching the final of the Competition, which was run on similar lines to that in the first half of the Season. Curiously enough they were beaten by the same score—2—1, by No. 7 Platoon, Royal Scots Fusiliers, after having had most of the game and seeing two rather soft goals scored against them.

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We were more successful in the Hockey Competition. Our Drums and No. 11 Platoon were left to contest the final, and after two drawn games, No. 11 Platoon, "C" Company, won the trophy by 1 goal to nil.

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"B" Company novices were also successful in carrying off the Novices Boxing Cup in the Inter-Unit Novices Competition.

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The Regimental Football team has been in hard training for the Durand Football Tournament at Simla. Sjt. Earl has put in a great deal of work with the team, and if form produced in the trial games and in the match against the Durham Light Infantry is maintained, we ought to go far in the Tournament.

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The game with the Durham Light Infantry was played at Solon on one of the smallest grounds we have seen in India. Clever footwork meant everything in a crowded field. The Durham Light Infantry did not field their strongest side, but as they have so many good teams almost on a par with one another, we were quite satisfied to force them to a goalless draw. The form shown by our team was inspiring and, as the players worked well as a team, we made our final selection for the Durand Cup as follows:—*Goal*, McGiven; *backs*, Fus. Graham and Fus. Fullard; *halves*, Fus. Turner, Lce.-Cpl. Calvert, Fus. Smith; *forwards*, Fus. Cooper, Fus. McCaffrey, Lce.-Cpl. Gillon, Fus. Lench, Lce.-Cpl. Clayton.

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We are quite content to believe that we have one of the finest defences in India, and, with a little bit of snap amongst the forwards, our team will do well.

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The match with the Durham Light Infantry provided the enthusiasts of the Battalion with a day's outing. More than half of the Battalion managed to get across to Solon, seven miles away, on all sorts of conveyances, and naturally in cheery mood.

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It was a real gathering of the clans amongst the hill tops. From all accounts the Regimental contractor of the Durham Light Infantry did very well in all branches of the canteen, and hopes for many more similar days.

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Depôt.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
September, 1929.

PERHAPS far and away the most important and most interesting event of the month, from the Regimental point of view, was the opening of the Memorial to the 50th Northumbrian Division, T.A., at Wieltge. We have contented ourselves, however, with forwarding certain "copy" with regard to this ceremony, to the Editor, in order that his more accomplished pen may provide the *Gazette* with an account which shall prove a lasting record of this historic occasion.

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On 26th August Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the Northumbrian Area, carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depôt. He was accompanied by Bt.-Lieut.-Col. L. H. K. Finch, D.S.O., O.B.E. (D.A.A. and Q.M.G.).

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During the past month we have been pleased to receive

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF DEPÔT BY G.-O.-C. NORTHUMBRIAN AREA.

Left to right.—"Bruce." Fus. Canachie. R.S.M. West (68th). Major H. R. McCullagh, D.S.O. (68th). Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

visits from the following:—Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Herbert, Lieut.-Col. Rushbrooke, Captains Sutherland and Braddell, Mr. Sperling, Mr. Speer, Mr. Douthwaite (5th Bn.), Mr. Marten (6th Bn.), Capt. James (late D.O.R.E. He has been ordered to India), Mr. Pringle, Mr. Bradford, and Lce.-Cpl. Rodes (late 1st Bn. He has obtained employment at Durham Gaol).

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We have recently had the pleasure of entertaining to dinner Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C. (Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne) and Canon Bateman Champain (Vicar of Newcastle).

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This month must surely have been a record one for Official visits! It would seem that we have been visited by every Staff Officer and Departmental Officer from both Command and Area Headquarters. The fact is that the Rhine Army are about to come home, and the H.Q., 19th Field Brigade, R.A., and two Batteries are to occupy the Artillery part of these Barracks, but more of this next month. We have also received visits from Major S. G. Simpson, O.B.E. (Assistant Inspector of Educational Training, The War Office) and Col. E. L. W. Henslow, O.B.E., M.C. (Inspector of Physical Training).

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A party from the Depôt, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, visited us on Monday, 2nd September, 1929. The party consisted of Major M. N. Cox, M.C., Capt. V. C. Green, and R.S.M. Matthews. We hope they enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having them. Many useful ideas were exchanged. By the time these notes appear in print, a party from this Depôt (Capt. Maynard, Mr. Collingwood and Sjt. Hunter) will have visited the Depôt, The West Yorkshire Regiment, at York, on 4th October.

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We wish to congratulate the following:—Lieut.-Col. O. B. Foster, M.C. and Capt. H. O. Sutherland, on their promotion. Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Fairhurst, on their respective engagements.

Mr. Fairhurst, on having passed out 40th from the R.M.C., and on having obtained a Commission (Royal Tank Corps).

Mr. H. S. Hitchin, on his first appointment to the Regiment (Supplementary Reserve). He is at present carrying out a month's attachment to the Depôt.

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Capt. Hogshaw is indulging in a month's leave prior to being re-posted to the 2nd Battalion. He is to conduct a draft of the 1st Battalion, and is groaning at the thoughts of a thirty days' voyage.

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Mr. Stockley bade us farewell on the 28th August, and is now on leave prior to taking up the appointment of A.D.C. to the General Officer Commanding the Northern Ireland District. We hope that he will have a successful tour in his new appointment; and we welcome Mr. Clarke, who arrived from York on 15th September, to take over the reins of Government of the Training Cadre.

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Sjt. Annison is at present attending a Refresher Course at the Small Arms School (Hythe Wing).

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The Weapon Training, Drill and Tactics Course for all available N.C.O.'s of the Depôt Staff, is still in being, but has had to be temporarily abandoned in order that the candidates for the next 1st Class Certificate Examination (some 50 % of the Depôt N.C.O.'s) may receive extra instruction in the subjects of their choice. It is to be hoped that they will be successful and thus be a credit to their instructors.

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At somewhat short notice we have been called upon to hold a three weeks' Machine Gun Course for Permanent Staff Instructors of the 50th Division. The students who are due to go to Netheravon early next month are drawn from the 5th and 7th Battalions, the 4th and 5th Battalions, The Green Howards, and the 8th Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry. The instructors are Sjt. Chapman and Lce.-Sjt. Graham.

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The Artillery Barrack Square, which has had a very deserted appearance since the departure of the 21st Field Brigade, R.A., on 1st July, now presents an animated scene on Wednesday evenings, when harassed business men (really Territorial Officers of the 50th Division, disguised in plain clothes) arrive in their scores and park their cars under the expert guidance of the

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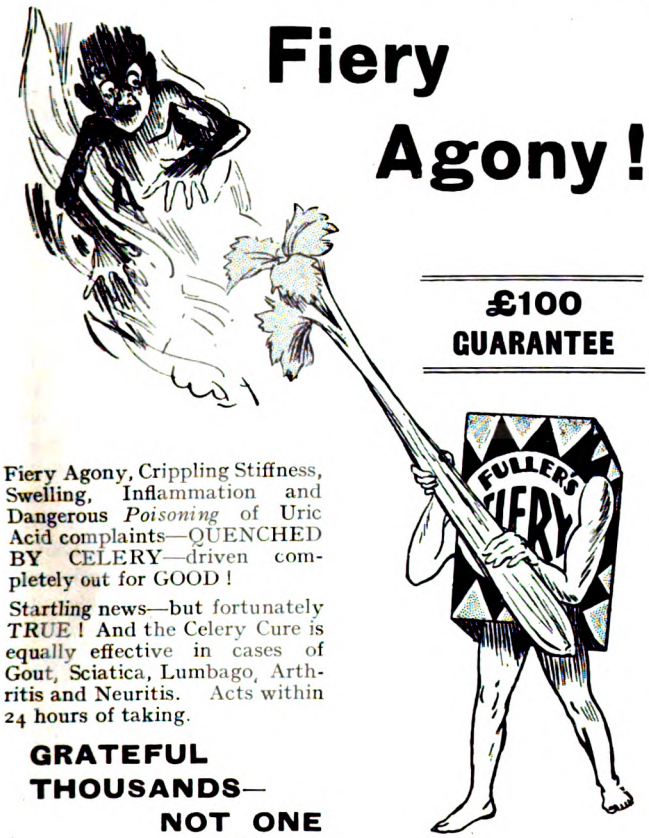

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M.F.P. (the latter are indeed experts, having carried a course of traffic control last winter, when they received the careful tuition of A. P. M. Newstead!).

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The said harassed business men, on arrival, are seen to converge on the Garrison School, where any chance visitor would find them studying the knotty problem of how to pass for promotion. (Sub-heads (a) and (c)). This course of seven lectures and three week-end tactical exercises is being conducted by Capt. Trenam, who is assisted by the remaining Adjutants of the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade, and Capt. R. W. Andrews, M.C. (Adjutant, 72nd Field Brigade, R.A.). There are in all some eighty students (including those taking the correspondence course), the majority of whom are members of the 50th Division, the remaining students being Officers of local Regular Units. We rather hesitate to use the word "local," as the necessity and popularity of such a course as this may be gauged from the fact that Regular Officers are attending from as far afield as Catterick (45 miles), whereas some of the T.A. Officers have even greater distances to travel. Such is the enthusiasm of the Territorial Army.

THE 5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOTS SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL OUTING.

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We understand that Capt. Fisher (H.Q., 149th Infantry Brigade) has typed no less than 6,000 sheets of foolscap and posted 2,000 envelopes already! From these figures it is possible to gauge the magnitude of the undertaking.

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A week-end Tactical Exercise was held at Belford on the 14th and 15th September. The weather was perfect. Two Officers from the Depôt attended and spent a most interesting, instructive, not to say enjoyable, week-end. Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. and Major K. A. N. Anderson, M.C. (G.O.S. 2., 50th Division), both attended the excercise.

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Not the least value of this course should prove to be the opportunities for the exchange of ideas between the representatives of the different arms and branches of the Regular and Territorial Units. It is to be hoped that the friendship and mutual understanding thus effected will prove of an inestimable value at the Territorial Camp next year, which, we understand, is to take the form of a Divisional Camp.

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The next Tactical Exercise is to be held at Kenton Bank, on Sunday, 29th September, and the examination itself is to take place "somewhere" in Northumberland, on Saturday and Sunday, the 5th and 6th October. We wish the candidates the best of luck, and may they meet with the success which we are confident their efforts deserve.

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We still have only two squads at the Depôt (May Squad and August Squad), and it does not at present appear likely that another Squad will be formed for us much before next month. May Squad is to be drafted to the 1st Battalion on 4th October. It will be conducted by Mr. Collingwood and Sjt. Hunter.

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We have recently been informed that the Army Council have had under consideration the present system of recruiting, whereby squads are formed in zones for Regiments in rotation according to requirements. Whilst recognising that the varying density of population in different parts of the country and the desirability of forming squads for training in a reasonable period of time necessitates some such form of recruiting, the Council also realise the valuable close connection so necessary between the County and the County Regiment has in some cases been endangered.

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The Council consider that it is desirable that the minimum number of men from the County in a County Regiment should not fall below 55 % or 60 %. It has consequently been decided that the month of January, 1930, shall be devoted as far as is practicable and as far as the Infantry of the line is concerned, to recruiting for the Regiment of the County or District within the limits of the Recruiting allotment figures issued by the War Office. (In our case we require 372 recruits for the year ending 31st March, 1930, of which number 64 only as yet have been obtained).

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The Army Council are desirous that these instructions shall be treated as a definite experiment over the named period, and that the squadding between now and the end of December shall be so regulated that the accommodation available at Depôts for January recruits shall be relatively in proportion

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to the probable intake during that month. This should prove a very interesting experiment. At present, apart from publishing below our usual periodical statistics, we will refrain from making any comment. During the period 1st April, 1929, to 23rd September, 1929, Recruits have been enlisted as under :

Northumberland, 15. Durham, 36.
Yorkshire, 11. Suffolk, 1.
Irish Free State, 1.

Extracts from Depôt Orders.

Continuance in the Service.—No. 4256101 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle, permitted to continue in the Service for a further period of one year to 9/8/31.

Re-engagement.—No. 4256723 Cpl. (Lce.-Sjt.) W. Horlington, re-engaged on the 27/8/29 to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

Postings.—No. 4264813 Lce.-Cpl. J. Petch, posted to Depôt (dated 27/8/29). No. 4265646 Lce.-Cpl. R. Thornton, re-posted to 1st Bn. (dated 26/8/29). No. 4264070 Fus. E. Willis, posted to Depôt (dated 3/9/29). No. 4265270 Fus. A. McDonald, re-posted to 1st Bn. (dated 7/9/29).

Transfers to Army Reserve.—No. 4262685 Fus. J. Sanderson, transferred to Army Reserve (dated 25/9/29).

Museum.

We acknowledge, with many thanks, the following presentations to Depôt Museum from Major H. M. Heyder, M.C. :—

Bulgar Ammunition Pouch, taken from prisoner, Struma Valley, 1916.

Various Trench Maps connected with 2nd Battalion in France, Intelligence Reports, Orders and Collection of Photographs.

Bound Volume, History 2nd Battalion.

5 Bound Volumes *St. George's Gazette.*

Cricket.

The Annual Cricket Match between the Borderers and the Garrison had to be abandoned this year, as the former were unable to raise a team.

Football.

The following games have been played in the Tyneside Wednesday League :—

Sept. 4th—*v.* Stanley Tradesmen, at Fenham. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 3, Stanley 2. Goals were scored by Fus. Brown (2), Cpl. Taylor 1.

Sept. 11th—*v.* Post Office Wednesday, at Walker. Result :—5th Fusiliers 2, Post Office Wednesday 3. Goals were scored by Cpl. Taylor (2).

Sept. 18th—*v.* Prudhoe, at Fenham. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 9, Prudhoe 0. Goals were scored by Sjt. Cross (4), Fus. Brown (2), Cpl. Taylor (2), Fus. Cuthbert (1).

The following team has represented the Depôt :—

Fus. Maddison.
Sjt. Gent. Dr. Stockton.
Sjt. Graham. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Cpl. Grey.
Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Fus. Brown. Cpl. Jarmain.
Cpl. Taylor.

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The following matches have been played by the Recruits' team :—

v. Durham Light Infantry Recruits. Won, 5—1 and 3—2.
v. Depôt Staff 5th Fusiliers. Won, 5—2 and 4—2 ; lost 2—4.

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The following team has represented the Recruits Depôt 5th Fusiliers :—

Fus. Hamilton.
Fus. Riley. Fus. Flynn.
Fus. Willis. Fus. Sinclair. Fus. Scott.
Fus. Whiley. Fus. Proud. Fus. Brown. Fus. Beresford.
Fus. Butler.

The 5th/68th Regimental Depôts Serjeants' Mess held their Annual Outing to Seaton Carew on 17th September, 1929, and a photo of the party taken before the start appears on preceding page.

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The weather being ideal, a perfect day was spent on the sands, in the company of past members of the Fifth and Durham Light Infantry, who reside in that district.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,
September, 1929.

THIS month has again, as usual, been a quiet one outwardly, which is just as it ought to be seeing that it finishes off the Territorial year.

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This latter term is rather vague, but we understand that such a term is necessary for the purpose of applying the thumbscrew to wayward soldiers who have not completed their various obligations, and also as a spur to erring Paymasters.

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Also it is the word "go" for divers Generals to inspect drill halls and equipment, and to delve into the more intimate details of our existence as set forth in the account books of our various committees and institutions.

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Happily, all these things are now ended ; our Drill Hall is clean and the Generals have said so, the drill and musketry registers are complete, the bounties are paid and our enterprising account books have been brought to the annual conclusion by the insertion of numerous lines and initials in red ink.

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We have been notified that our illustration of last month

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was not accurate, as Mr. Peters was not shown in the great trek of the M.G. experts.

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We, therefore, hasten to explain that this is not so, as the missing Officer is supposed to be inside the vehicle and being sat on as usual by the Company Commander.

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Many serving and past members of this Detachment attended the unveiling ceremony of the 50th Divisional War Memorial at Wieltje, on the first of the month.

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We were particularly pleased that both C.S.M. L. Stuart and R.Q.M.S. P. Connell were able to attend, as they are our "Oldest Soldiers," having been with us since volunteer days.

Serjeants' Mess.

It is a case of all quiet on the Newburn Front.

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Owing to trade depression, several of our members have been obliged to accept employment down South; nevertheless we are pleased to hear that they are doing well.

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During the month we had the pleasure of accepting a beautiful presentation in the way of a clock from our late Commanding Officer (Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., T.D.). I take this opportunity of offering our thanks on behalf of all members.

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One wag suggests we play phat for it, and another crib, but a little bird tells me it's to tell us the hour of closing (Camp).

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With the winter games tournament close at hand, many members are putting in plenty of practice at shooting, billiards, phat, crib, etc., and the way things are going we should again hold our own this year.

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In fact, the "Bells" are ringing already.

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During the month we were sorry to part with our friend, Sjt. Bob Milburn, he having left us time-expired. We shall miss him very much, not only for his shooting, but also for his splendid work as Pioneer-Serjeant. Au revoir, "Bob"; our best wishes are with you.

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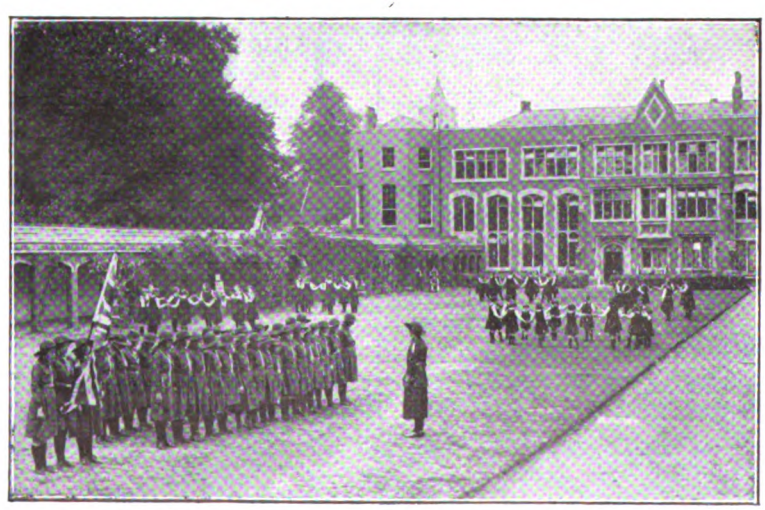

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6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
September, 1929.

THE principal feature of the Battalion's history this month, if not in all its post-war career, was the impressive unveiling by Field-Marshal Viscount Plumer of the 50th Divisional Memorial at Wieltje, on the 1st September.

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Only those who were present can really grasp what the ceremony was. So many details of the unveiling have been published, that it would be idle to quote, either from one's own recollection or even from the Daily Press, who honoured the occasion by many accurate accounts from the pens of experts, both in war and in letters.

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We were only sorry so few of our numbers journeyed to Ypres, but those who went cannot possibly have any record

LIEUT.-COL. G. E. WILKINSON PLACING A WREATH ON THE DIVISIONAL MEMORIAL AT WELTJE.
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to bring back but one of intense interest and appreciation. Incidentally we venture to think that no one ever heard the "Last Post" better sounded than it was by Sjt. McClusky, of the 9th D.L.I.

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We hope for a more detailed and first hand account of the Pilgrimage from some member of the Serjeants' Mess in another issue, and we think on all sides a general wish is felt that periodical visits to the Memorial may be held.

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There was little to see of old landmarks that here and there are vivid enough still in the minds of individuals, but the general impression can easily be recalled by the sight of many familiar roads and villages.

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Our Commanding Officer placed on the Memorial a wreath of Red and White Roses (made in Ypres the day before), on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion.

Much disappointment was felt by us, and echoed by the local press, that no representative from the Newcastle Corporation was present that day. We fear that, with a great many other citizens, they failed to understand the real importance of the occasion, and what it all really meant to so many who had served with the City Battalion.

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Congratulations are due to Mr. A. H. M. Field on his marriage to Miss Nora Wilson. The wedding took place at Alnmouth, on the 3rd September, and was attended by several Officers of the Battalion. It is interesting to record that the bride is a sister of our late M.G. Officer, Mr. H. E. Wilson, whose other sister married Mr. C. B. Gillespie, formerly of the Battalion, in July last. We hope to see much of Mrs. Field in the Battalion, where her help and interest will be much appreciated.

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We also tender our good wishes to Mr. R. E. B. Mortimer, of Milbourne, who came of age on the 7th November, amidst general rejoicings on the part of the tenantry and all his other friends. We understand the Subalterns' Union was not officially invited, as only one ox could be roasted.

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At the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting, on the 3rd and 5th August, we were better represented than before, although our measure of success was not much above our average performances. Competition was strong, and once more we were the winners of the Bourne Challenge Cup for Machine Gun Competitions. Our No. 1 Team won by 68 points to 50 gained by the No. 2 Team of the 7th Battalion. Mr. France and his crew deserve all congratulations for winning the Cup the second year running. The team was as follows:—Lieut. G. L. A. France, Sjt. C. Johnston, Fus. Wilkinson, Fus. Taylor.

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In the Earl Grey Challenge Shield Team Competition we were fourth, with a team from our H.Q. Company consisting of Lieut. G. L. A. France, R.Q.M.S. Boyd, Sjt. C. Johnston, Sjt. Rhodes, Fus. Elder.

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The Co-operative Union Challenge Cup for teams of 4 was won by the 7th Battalion, and we were third, with a team consisting of:—Capt. T. Bennett, M.C., R.S.M. J. O'Hara, C.S.M. W. Hallion, C.S.M. W. Cornes.

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Capt. Bennett was fourth in the Hunting Challenge Bowl Revolver Competition, with 14 points against 20 gained by the winner.

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R.S.M. O'Hara won the Permanent Staff Prize, with a score of 85.

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Sjt. T. E. Rhodes won the Territorial Service Rifle Championship of Northumberland with 132 points.

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We were third in the Lockhart Memorial Trophy for young soldiers, with a team consisting of:—2nd-Lieut. W. H. S. Stephenson, Cpl. Bolton, Lce.-Cpl. Cowen, Fus. Brotherton, Fus. Tearse, Fus. McCarthy, Fus. Henderson, Fus. Herbert.

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Messrs. France and Stephenson did good work in various competitions, and secured several prizes.

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The Regimental Club flourishes, and we are glad to record an increase in the membership. With the billiard table entirely renewed, the place has become more attractive than ever. Supplies of illustrated papers, however, are still required.

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Major Chenevix-Trench, who commands our Depôt, is soon to be married. We tender our best congratulations, and hope he will definitely pitch his tent in Northumberland.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
24th September, 1929.

THE 7th Battalion Correspondent having nothing whatever to say for September, leans gracefully to the Editor, produces a rather fine photograph of the Drill Shield being

THE 7TH BATTALION DRILL TROPHY
BEING RECEIVED BY SJT. W. GUY ON BEHALF OF NO. 10 PLATOON FROM COLONEL W. N. HERBERT, C.M.G., D.S.O.
(Photo by W. Gosman.)

handed by Colonel Herbert to Sjt. Gay, and gracefully withdraws.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 527 Other Ranks.

149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade Annual Dinner Club.

THE eleventh Annual Dinner of the above Club will take place at Messrs. Tilley's Rooms, Blackett Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 25th October, 1929. Applications for tickets should be sent as soon as possible to Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., 1, Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House
Preston Crowmarsh
BENSON,
OXFORD.
September, 1929.

IT is interesting to note that of the three Battalions which now form the Infantry Brigade at Cairo, two of them are at present commanded by Fifth Fusiliers. These are the 1st Bn. Welch Guards commanded by Lt.-Col. Robert Auld, and the 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. commanded by Lt.-Col. A. F. Chapman. The other Battalion in the Brigade, The South Wales Borderers, was recently commanded by Lt.-Col. Burleigh Leach, another Fifth Fusilier. "Quo fata vocant"!!

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Letters to the Editor.

Mardocks House,
Ware,
Herts,
20th September, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following amount towards the cost of repairing the South African Memorials :—

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Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON, Major-General.

8, Higham Place
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
30th September, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions,

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donations, etc,. received between 1st July and 30th September, 1929, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

September, 1929.

WEEKLY Whist Drives are being held every Friday evening and they are proving to be a great success. Not only are we getting the members together, but from a financial point of view the Association is better off.

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The Monthly General Meeting was held on the 18th instant, when about 60 members were present. It was proposed that a presentation be made to Mr. Josling, before his departure for Australia. This was carried unanimously.

After the meeting closed a concert was held, which lasted to 10 p.m. The Committee are to be congratulated on their selection of artists.

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We are losing one of our oldest members, by name, Mr. Josling; many of the older hands will remember Clr.-Sjt. Josling. He is taking up an appointment in Sidney, Australia. We wish him the best of luck.

London Area.

September, 1929.

DURING the Holiday Season our Hon. Secretary visited Mr. S. McClements, a veteran of the Regiment, who joined the FIFTH in 1867 and was discharged 1890, having served many years in India. He is in possession of the medals for the Afghanistan Campaign, 1879, also Long Service and Good Conduct.

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Mr. McClements is always with us on St. George's Day and the Re-Union Dinner, and as he is resident with his daughter, Mrs. Burr, who was born in the Regiment, there is every prospect of his being with us on many more such occasions.

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Another old Fifth Fusilier, who is in possession of the medal for the Afghanistan Campaign, is Mr. E. Harvey, better known as "Chips," late Pioneer Serjeant who is resident at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

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Both McClements and Harvey are splendid types of old Fifth Fusiliers, and shining lights of the O.C.A.

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The O.C.A. still continues to make progress in membership; our total strength now reads: Officers, 79; Other Ranks, 204; Lady Members, 115; Total, 398.

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Numerous enquiries have recently been made regarding particulars of the O.C.A., so that we have every hope of increasing our numbers, more particularly as the Trooping Season will soon be upon us.

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We hope that Commanding Officers will advise those Fifth Fusiliers who are leaving the Regiment and likely to reside in the London Area, to join us; they will be assurred of cordial welcome.

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A General Meeting and Social is being held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 25th instant, when we are hopeful of a good gathering.

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Arrangements are being pushed forward regarding the Re-Union Dinner, on Armistice Night; and as a good number have expressed their intention of being present, the Hon. Secretary is confident of breaking all previous records of attendance. Last year 230 were present.

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Full particulars will be forwarded to all members in the near future.

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There are still a number of our members on the Unemployment Register, and the Hon. Secretary makes a further appeal on their behalf; particulars of these members have already been circulated.

H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Work for Discharged Soldiers.

War Office,

19th September, 1929.

DURING August, 213 soldiers completed courses of instruction at the Army Vocational Training Centres, at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon, and 177 obtained immediate employment on leaving the Colours. Twenty-three qualified for Oversea Settlement, while the others took up carpentry, plastering, painting, bricklaying, boot repairing, motor mechanism, positions of trust, private service and a dozen other occupations.

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A Day of Memories.

Impressions at the Unveiling of Wieltje Memorial.

By SCOUT.

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Ypres,
Sunday.

SONS of Northumbria, we salute you!

In the words of Field-Marshal the Viscount Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., first Baron of Messines and Bilton, who unveiled the 50th (Northumbrian) Division War Memorial at Wieltje, to-day is a Day of Memories—wonderful memories of the great epic when the Northumberland and Durham Territorials received their first bitter taste of the holocaust on 26th April, 1915.

The Salient . . . Ypres ! . . .

What boundless heartache in a single word ! It is on this hallowed spot, made holy by the sacrifice of the flower of Northumbria's manhood, that the Obelisk of Remembrance raises its sepulchral whiteness to the sky.

There is a solemn hush as the pilgrims from the Northland, numbering over a thousand, assemble round the sacred pile to honour their dead comrades. Words are totally inadequate to even attempt to describe the thoughts that flood the memory on visiting once again the places we know so well.

We gaze vacantly in the direction of such landmarks as Hell Fire Corner, Hill 60, and the Passchendaele Ridge. On our right in the valley we see the Menin Gate, that wonderful Hall of Memories—also unveiled by Lord Plumer on 24th July, 1927—which will stand for all time as a Temple of Valour to British faithfulness, courage, and sacrifice. Beyond, in the new-born Ypres, are the ruins of the Cloth Hall, in its splint-like scaffold, standing out like a stricken giant.

The eve of the momentous attack on St. Julien, fourteen years ago was, like to-day, a Sunday. It was along this plain where we now stand that the first clouds of poison gas were wafted towards our unsuspecting troops with such deadly effect ; behind it came the German hordes advancing to the attack. And we recall the thrill of horror that this caused to pass through the whole civilized world.

Northumbria is proud of its sons who guarded the Sacred Way. They were Defenders of the Empire—Wardens of the Gate to Calais. These men, fresh from the mines or their office stools, barred the road against the picked regiments of the Kaiser, whose seemingly invincible legions, thanks to indomitable British pluck, were hurled back, broken and dismayed.

Nature Heals Her Wounds.

As we gaze over land that once seemed fated to be for ever an aching wilderness, we realize to what an amazing extent Nature has healed her wounds. Stumps of trees, torn and dead, blighted by artillery fire and gas, have been replaced by young saplings. To-day we look out over fertile fields, smooth and unscarred by trench or shellhole, with neat red-roofed farmhouses and church steeples stretching skywards, where we knew only desolation and death.

Apart from the numerous cemeteries, the sole remaining signs of the War are the German pill-boxes—strong points which proved invulnerable against shell-fire—scattered here and there as gaunt, grim reminders of the ghastly conflict. Over the whole scene you will not find a yard of " duck-board " walk, nor as much barbed wire as would fence a suburban garden.

Such is the peaceful setting for the unveiling of this Memorial, which has so precious and so personal a significance for Northumbrians. And it is fitting that the ceremony should be performed by Lord Plumer. On the outbreak of war he was General Officer Commanding-in-Chief the Northern Command, and during hostilities he commanded the Second Army, of which the Northumbrian Division formed part. We who fought in the Salient are content with Lord Plumer as our symbol.

The uniforms of the Belgian and French Officers give a picturesque touch to the ceremony, providing a colourful contrast to the sombre khaki of the British representatives. Lord Plumer is accompanied by the Burgomestre of Ypres (M. Sobry, C.B.E.), a distinguished and venerable figure in a dark blue uniform and white cockade, and General Becker, Commandant of the Lille District, representing the French Republic, whose uniform is of sky-blue, with gold braid and epaulettes. Other honoured visitors are Baron Bisthoven, the Governor of Flanders, who attends as the representative of the King of the Belgians, and Major-General Herremerre, Commanding the Flanders District, Belgian Army.

The vast assembly also includes the Mayors of Gateshead, Berwick, Durham, Darlington and Stockton.

Viscountess Plumer, wearing deep black, also stands at the base of the Memorial, in front of which British Legion banners are held aloft in the brilliant sunshine. One notices, too, Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the Northumbrian Division.

During the period of assembly, music is rendered by the Belgian Military Band from Bruges.

Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Memorial Committee—who commanded the Division during some of the heaviest fighting—steps forward on the dais and inaugurates the proceedings.

The solemn service commences. We raise our voices in singing " O God, our help in ages past," and the soft melody and inspiring words of this hymn of hope give an impression that one is in some vast cathedral. For a canopy there is the ever-changing pageantry of the sky ; for a carpet the flaxen fields where once Death stalked. This year's rich harvest has been partly garnered ; one is reminded of the grim harvest in those same fields 14 years ago, when our ranks were thinned by the scythe of death.

Special prayers are offered by the Rev. Canon T. E. Crawhall, M.A., D.S.O., T.D., formerly senior chaplain to the Division, assisted by the Rev. H. G. Hastings Shaddick, O.B.E., T.D., the present senior chaplain, and the Rev. Father Wolfiston, who was Roman Catholic chaplain during the War.

Following the chanting of the Lord's Prayer, they recite a prayer of remembrance—a prayer for " the great company of our brothers who laid down their lives in the War." Their invocations, pregnant with meaning, ring out distinctly on the clear air of this bright September morn, and as the resonant cadences rise and fall they sound like the musical murmur of waves on a golden shore.

Then we hear the voice of Lord Plumer, who speaks with great feeling and emphasis as he recalls the gallant exploits of the War :—

" You are assembled here to-day—relatives, friends, comrades—to pay tribute to the memory of the Officers, N.C.O.'s, and

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men of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division who paid the full sacrifice and laid down their lives during the Great War which terminated nearly eleven years ago.

" On behalf of the British Army, I wish to express grateful thanks for the presence here to-day of representatives of our Allies, the Belgian and French Armies, and of the Burgomestre of Ypres. Their presence testified that they appreciate the services rendered by the 50th Division to the common cause.

" It is indeed appropriate that the Memorial should be erected in this locality, where the Division had their first engagement with the enemy. It was an action which will always be remembered, fought by them under circumstances which which would have been difficult for most experienced troops, and which were naturally very trying for a young division. They had landed in France, being one of the first Territorial divisions to come overseas, at a time when the Germans, under cover of a gas attack, had driven back a large proportion of the Allied defence line.

" The situation was serious, and the need for reinforcements most urgent. Consequently, the division could not be put into action, as it normally would have been, under their divisional commander, but had to be thrown—literally thrown—into the fighting line by brigades, and even smaller units, where the urgency was most serious.

" They suffered very heavy casualties in this action, but they established a reputation of gallantry and heroism which lasted throughout the whole campaign—a reputation that inspired the confidence of all the leaders under whom they served.

" I can testify to this personally, because they were under me in the latter part of 1915 and the early days of 1916 ; and I know that this testimony will be endorsed by all the leaders under whom they subsequently served on the Somme in 1916, the Battle of Arras in 1917, and Passchendaele, and the Battle of the Lys and Aisne in 1918.

" The 50th Division had a war record of which everyone who served in it, and everyone who belonged to those who served in it, have reason to be proud. This monument will be a permanent testimony to those services. It will be visited for many years to come with respect and reverence, while to the descendants of those to whose honour it has been erected it will be a source of intense pride.

" To-day for most of us is a day of memories. We seem to see once more the faces and the figures which we knew and loved, and to hear their familiar voices. And the knowledge that those faces, those figures, and those voices are no longer with us must naturally strike a note of sadness in our hearts. But, on reflection, we shall all feel pride in what our loved ones achieved by their sacrifice, despite the gloom of sorrow.

" As years roll on, we shall feel that we would not have it otherwise, and that they, by the fulfilment of their sacrifice, have made it absolutely certain that their names will live for evermore."

Lord Plumer releases a cord, and the two flags—the Union Jack and the Belgian Tricolour—fall from the inscription. We read it clearly in the radiant sunlight : " To the enduring memory of all ranks of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division who fell in the Great War, 1914–1918. *Pro Patria.*"

Officers salute, ex-Service men stand rigidly to attention, and a sigh like a breeze is wafted through the air. The great moment has arrived. Northumbria shows that she remembers ; the tall, stately obelisk will stand for all time as a silent witness of the sacrifice made by our sturdy Northern comrades.

Four sentries, with reversed arms, stand at the corners of the plinth as the plaintive notes of the Last Post are faultlessly sounded by Sjt.-Bugler F. C. McClusky, of the 9th (Gateshead) Battalion Durham Light Infantry.

One minute's silence is then observed. In that great stillness, one tries hard to pray, but at charged moments words will not come. The seconds pass. A few broken sentences try to shape themselves in the mind.

Inarticulate though we may be, we recall with pride the marvellous heroism, the unselfish devotion, and the intense suffering of those who gave their all, remembering that somewhere in almost every family circle in the land there is to-day " silence where hope was."

Like Christopher Robin in " Vespers "—A. A. Milne's famous poem—we find it difficult to concentrate upon the ceremony. There are moments when we hear the words of the clergy only as in a dream. The beautiful landscape and the assembled people disappear, and in their place we unconsciously visualize the scene as we knew it twelve or fourteen years ago ; this somehow seems more vividly real than the tourists' Mecca which the Salient has now become.

Although the crowds vanish, the Northumbrian accent remains. It is spoken by men who flit swiftly and furtively from one dark shell-hole to another. Our motor-cars parked nearby have gone, but ambulance follows ambulance through the mud and slime and poisoned air, carrying their mutilated burdens along the same road upon which the Memorial now abuts.

The Ypres Salient is peopled with the ghosts of a deathless army—the men who on this same spot stood to arms in the grey hours of the morning, watching the sun rising blood-red over the German trenches, just as it now rises beyond the Northumbrian Divisional Memorial.

There are a few women among the party, and they proudly wear the medals of their lost loved ones. They see the Memorial through tear-mists, for their hearts commune in sweet anguish with the years. Ypres is to them something which only a mother who has lost a son or a wife who has lost her husband can know—a tomb linked by the golden band of sweet remembrance.

Only one slight sound breaks the solemn silence—a woman's suppressed sob, near where I am standing. Then comes the challenging notes of the Réveillé, giving its stirring message that men died that men may live.

Wreaths are laid by General Wilkinson and the Burgomestre of Ypres, and these are followed by floral tributes, in which poppies—the blood-red symbol of sacrifice—predominate. One is composed of purple and white heather from Northumberland, laid by the Mayor of Berwick.

There is an old Flemish legend which says : " The poppies are only abundant in a country that has been drenched in the blood of heroes." One is reminded of Omar :—

> I sometimes think that never grows so red
> The rose as where some Cæsar bled.

A number of distinguished guests were entertained to luncheon by the Memorial Committee, at Skindles Hotel, Ypres.

General Wilkinson, who presided, outlined the history of the memorial project. One of their difficulties, he said, had been to obviate the possibility of the memorial being built around, and with that object they had secured an extra site. Such a course, he believed, was unusual. In that connection, they wished to thank the Belgian Government for their assis-

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tance in getting that extra piece of ground, and also the Graves Commission for the help given.

Addresses were also delivered by Baron Bisthoven, General Becker and Major-General Herremerre. Among those present at the luncheon was M. Lannsens, of Bruges, who built the Memorial.

The afternoon was spent visiting historic places in the Salient, where every yard has a deep and personal significance to someone. Battles were fought over again on the exact spot where they took place, in some cases "the Colonel" going out with a handful of his men to describe the scene of operations.

In the motor drive along the sacred route to Wieltje, we had all joined in singing the old war-time songs: "Tipperary," "Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag," "Keep the home fires burning," etc. The songs were sung in their proper setting. At one time they may have been merely music-hall ditties; to-day a hymn of praise could not have been sung with greater inspiration or reverence.

Flanders is a land of wonderful memories; her highways have often re-echoed to the ominous tramp of marching men. Her ground is hallowed by the blood of youth of all time—Cæsar's legions, Charlemagne's warriors, Napoleon's troops, the swarthy soldiers of Spain, and then, in our own time, the cream of Britain's manhood, fighting in defence of honour and freedom.

Ypres and the Immortal Salient will be haunted for ever by the spirit of British Youth. These boys of whom we are thinking to-day would now be men of 35 . . . 40 . . . 50, had they not been struck down to live in the memory as eternally young.

As we leave for home in the early evening, we see the Obelisk of Remembrance silhouetted against masses of cumulus clouds. They resemble gigantic hills, and perhaps behind them, hidden from mortal eyes, is that country of the blessed—the land of Eternal Youth.

Ypres will always be a shrine of Northumbrian homage, and the hope was freely expressed that there should be an annual divisional pilgrimage to this sacred outpost of Empire. After the wonderful experience of this week-end I trust the suggestion will materialise.

Training of Blind ex-Service Men.

THE Ex-Service Men's Fund, instituted some years ago by the National Institute for the Blind, is giving unqualified satisfaction. The Annual Report of the Institute shows that the training afforded by the Fund is having happy results. Two of the men assisted have recently passed their final Law examination, another is having a successful career at Cambridge, and others, who were placed in small businesses, are all said to be making satisfactory progress.

The Fund was created to train blind ex-Service men who are ineligible for assistance from St. Dunstan's—the daughter society of the National Institute for the Blind—and also to help the blind dependents of ex-Service men. In this latter connection, the blind daughter of an Officer has recently been set up in her own massage clinic.

The Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Air Council have all identified themselves with the Fund's objects, and during the past year an appeal for support was made to all Units of His Majesty's Forces by Admirals of the Fleet, Lord Beatty and Sir Charles Madden, Field-Marshals Lord Allenby and Sir William Robertson, and Air-Marshals Sir Hugh Trenchard and Sir John Salmond.

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The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

INSTITUTED 1904.

For a quarter of a century the Society has been instrumental in gladdening the hearts of needy ex-Fifth Fusiliers. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the good work.

Any sum, large or small, also cast-off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by—

The Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne

"The Gun."

I WAS born at Glasgow on 26th May, 1916, out of a nightmare of heat, hammering, boring and pressure at the hands of man. I remember how quickly I forgot the torments of my birth, as with pride I became aware of my size, my strength, my potential power to deliver from myself offspring that would kill and maim that very man that had given me birth. I revelled in this thought as the knowledge came to me that soon I should stand behind some village or wood and make myself heard for many a mile as I coughed and belched in great jerks, throwing from me my offspring which would speed one after the other towards that man, my creator. Then, with a noise even greater than my own in

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delivering them, my offspring should burst asunder and fulfil their destiny to kill and maim and tear these curséd men. Never shall I forget that early morn when at last I stood in a field behind a belt of small trees. A low ground mist hung over the field, and my body was wet and glistening as I reared my head into the air to produce my first-born.

Where would he fly? Where would his short life end? In what field, village, wood or earthwork would he complete his destiny? More important, how many of these hated men would he destroy or cripple?

Proudly I reared my head, and with one terrible, sharp and belching cough that seared and shook me through and through I launched my first-born on his brief but rapid existence.

Five such children did I produce before I myself was shattered by some strange child that fell from the air, and now I know the life history of my five offsprings, and though five is far below the average family of my kind, I am proud of them, for, with the exception of my third-born who was unlucky and fell only on a lorry, killing but one man, one and all brought death, much death, to mankind. Here is the record of my fruitful four.

1. My First-born.

The grey Taube shot swiftly down, its engine cut off, and in a few seconds bumped to a standstill in a field beside a bend in the river Somme, some miles behind the Anglo-French lines. The pilot had been looking for this same bend, and had followed the faint silver line of the river until he saw it.

The night was fairly clear, and as the pilot listened nothing could be heard but the gentle sigh of the night breeze in the trees of a small copse over on his right and the gentle lapping of the river water against its banks on his left. He glanced at his luminous watch dial—2.30 a.m., the time arranged.

He heard a slight noise in the grass in front of him. He drew his revolver. Faintly he saw beneath him, near the nose of his machine, the figure of a man. "Guten Morgen," said the pilot in a low voice. "Gott mit uns," answered the figure. "Lehr gut," from the pilot, and the dark figure quickly clambered up into the cockpit. The roar of the engines suddenly shattered the quiet of the night, as the Taube taxied along the rough field to shoot finally up into the sky.

The dark figure was dressed as a very dirty French peasant, and a growth of beard of many days was on his face. His hands were calloused, and his nails torn and dirty with toil. His face looked tired and thin, and a strained, hunted, haggard look was in his eyes.

Soon after the Taube flew into searchlight beams, and shrapnel burst with red and white flashes before and behind. The Taube dived and twisted and flew clear, to land shortly afterwards at the aerodrome at Bapaume.

The peasant spoke to the pilot as he climbed out of the cockpit: "Thanks, Kardel, I'm damn glad to get back, and as it's you I'll tell you that I've got full information about the next English attack, but more important still, they've invented a new armoured wagon, fitted with guns, which can crawl over most things. Tell you more later. Au revoir."

He stepped into a waiting car and was driven to the headquarters of the Fourth Army Intelligence Bureau.

The Officer on duty greeted him: "Hullo! Kessling; damn glad you're safely back. The Chief wanted to see you directly you arrived, so have a drink whilst I call him—expect you want it, food and sleep too, I'll be bound."

Kessling drank a glass of champagne, and a few moments later Colonel Nickolai, Chief of the Intelligence Bureau, Fourth Army, entered the room: "Glad to see you back, Kessling; anything really important to report?"

A series of explosions suddenly shook the room, followed by the loud ringing of a telephone bell in a corner. Colonel Nickolai picked up the receiver and listened, then cursed under his breath, put the receiver down and again turned to Kessling, "The swine have bombed the aerodrome, and poor Kardel, your pilot, has been killed amongst others. Well, Kessling?"

Kessling leant towards his Chief, a serious expression on his face, and he raised his right hand slightly as if to emphasize his words. "The English have invented a new machine which ——" at this moment my first-born entered the room beneath, and with a hellish detonation fulfilled his destiny. The secret of the tanks was still a secret.

2. My Second-born.

Fus. Lehrer, of the 3rd Fusilier Regiment, crawled carefully from his bed of straw in the barn of Anton Jacques. It was a wet night, and the air of the barn was damp and fetid. Through the pungent atmosphere came the snores, grunts and murmurings of his sleeping comrades. He crawled slowly on all fours towards the dim square of lesser blackness which denoted the door. He had a belt on, twisted round so that the bayonet on it hung along his back to prevent it dragging on the floor.

As he came to the door, a man near it stirred and coughed, and Lehrer paused and held his breath, afraid that the man was awake and would see him. The man resumed his snoring, and Lehrer crawled out into the night.

He passed quickly over the road and entered a field bordering the railway, turned left parallel to the metals until he saw the dim outlines of the warehouses of the Bapaume goods station, which were his objective.

He expected to find a sentry tramping his beat in front of these warehouses, and he also knew exactly where the guard hut was and the times of relief. He crawled through a gap in the last hedge before the warehouses and lay a moment behind a heap of tins. Yes! here came the sentry, his heavy boots re-echoing on the hard gravel of his beat. The sentry must die noiselessly before Lehrer dared enter the big warehouse second from the left, where was stacked great crates of food, wine, cigars, etc.

It wasn't so much that Lehrer craved for these things, as that he was a born criminal and simply had to steal, and he had before this committed murder to achieve his end. The sentry passed close in front of the heap of tins and halted about three feet beyond. Lehrer wriggled silently behind him, his bayonet ready drawn. Swiftly he rose to his feet, and as swiftly plunged the bayonet into the sentry's back just beneath the left shoulder-blade, at the same time reaching forward and grasping the sentry's throat with his left hand.

A hoarse, hissing rattle sounded for a brief moment, then Lehrer eased the sagging, convulsive body to the ground, dragged it behind the heap of tins, withdrew the bayonet with some difficulty, and replaced it in its scabbard—cleaning could wait.

He now moved rapidly in shadow to a ladder that he knew rested against the warehouse wall, climbed it, topped the roof, crawled to a sliding vent, picked the lock, entered and dropped to the top of a large crate, climbed down similar crates to the floor, and went to some loose cases standing in a corner. He prised one open, and to his disgust found it full of sticks of dynamite; prised open another with like result. He had

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entered the wrong warehouse, quickly he began to climb the crates towards the vent— when my second-born entered the roof just near it and one thousand tons of explosive and Lehrer shot heavenwards.

3. My Fourth-born.

Late night. Bapaume was in darkness, but to the west the night was lit with star-shells and flashes like summer lightning, and the dull, almost continual roar of guns vibrated through the empty streets.

The Chateau de Rocquevillers, on the outskirts of the town, was occupied by the Staff of the Fourth Army Headquarters, and one of its drawing-rooms was crowded with Officers.

Its walls were covered with maps and charts and its air thick with tobacco smoke.

The Army Commander had gone to bed.

Colonel von Hesstein, a wiry man with a "Kaiser" moustache, was talking, the others listening with some interest.

"Its all very fine people talking, but talking is of no use unless backed up with deeds. They tell us that the English and French are going to launch an enormous offensive on this front in a few days and that our defence will smash him to a standstill. It might, look at Verdun, but some of us believe that the best defence is offence. And now let me tell you something very secret, which should put up your morale thermometers. Von Eltish (the Army Commander) has prepared an offensive plan which will finally overthrow the enemy on this front. That plan is now in the safe in that corner and to-morrow it goes straight to General Headquarters, where there is no doubt of its final approval. Look for the great counter-offensive. I tell you the plan is marvellous and that it will——" at this moment my fourth-born slid downwards from the sky and entered the wall behind the safe, burst asunder the safe with it. The Army Commander, Colonel von Hesstein, and seven out of the other ten Officers, together with the plan, were hurled into oblivion.

4. My Fifth-born.

The cottage of Jules Fournier was situated but a stone's throw from the German cemetery at Bapaume. Jules was with his regiment in the Argonne. His wife and daughter struggled patiently along, filled ever with the hope that soon the hated invader would be driven back whence he came, and peace and gladness fall on their home once more.

The daughter, Yvette, a pretty girl of nineteen summers, was popular with all. No matter what insults were showered upon her and her compatriots by the invader, no matter how difficult it was to get money and food, no matter the restrictions; always was she smiling, always was she kind to all and sundry; to the hated invader— polite, and even they had so far respected her.

On 28th June, 1916, the 204th Hanoverian Fusiliers came into the town to rest after a tour of duty near Thiepval, during which they had suffered very severely from the preliminary bombardments to the Somme battle.

They were dirty, hungry, thirsty and ill-tempered. Ten N.C.O.'s were billetted in the house of Jules Fournier, six in one room, four in another. Mother and daughter shared an attic. Halsarb, Graft, Simon, Dartardier, Müntlich, Marklieb, Fahrer, Flerting, Ohm and Mannsehr, these ten, were very tired and intended to make the most of Bapaume before going back to the line. They slept heavily, if noisily, the first night, and on the second they went their devious ways into Bapaume, and in the varied ways became drunk. By eleven that night all were back in the kitchen of Fournier's cottage, and all had brought bottles of wine and beer to continue in the drowning of their Somme memories.

Yvette and her mother had gone to bed.

Flerting, an enormous man, with bullet head and close-set eyes, sprawled on the floor, his back against the wall, a bottle of wine in continual motion to and from his mouth. "To hell with the Somme!" he shouted, "To hell with the English! To hell with our Officers. Why should we lie on our bellies in mud whilst our Officers get drunk in deep dugouts? Why? By the God of War, I'm going to get drunk too. Where are the women in this damned village? Where are they?" "Two upstairs, Flerting," said Simon, a little shrivelled up bird of a man, with hard, glittering eyes.

"Bring them down," shouted Flerting, Halsarb and Ohm in one voice. "What are we conquerors for if we don't get the spoil?" continued Flerting.

Flerting made an effort to get up, but fell forward on his face, righted himself against the wall again, hiccoughed and waved an enormous hand towards Dartardier. "Go and fetch them, Dartardier, you speak the cursed language; say we wish to dance with them." He shook suddenly with loud, course laughter, and as suddenly stopped, feeling sick.

Dartardier got up from a chair, pulled Fahrer up with *him* and both left the room, their staggering and heavy steps slowly mounting the stairs.

The remainder sang and drank until suddenly two screams rent the air, followed by the heavy banging of boots which seemed to indicate some struggle by their wearers. More screams and guttural curses, the bang of a door, the sound of uneven steps on the creaking stairs, then the door of the kitchen was flung open and Yvette, kicking and writhing, the hand of Fahrer over her mouth, was carried in. "Mamma has fainted," mimicked Dartardier, "so we've tied the old hag to a chair. Now, my dear, you dance," he said in French, turning to Fahrer and snatching the girl out of his arms.

Flerting had put his bottle down, and with his eyes fixed on the girl's face, he slowly dragged himself upright. He walked slowly and carefully round the table, steadying himself with his right hand against the wall. Never for a moment did he take his eyes off the girl's face. A silence fell on the room, as the nine men became aware of the terrible look on Flerting's face. The girl's eyes were fixed on him in deadly horror. "Give her to me," suddenly shouted Flerting, as he got to Dartardier, who, unresisting, let him take Yvette. She let out one piercing scream as Dartardier took his hand off her mouth.

Flerting moved with her towards the door, on the threshold of which he stopped and turned: "Goodnight, comrades, your turn to-morrow." At that moment a fast approaching noise was heard as of an express train roaring out of a tunnel, and my fifth-born entered the house just over the window, and, with a shattering blast, fulfilled his destiny.

The pieces of ten men and one woman were found in and around the ruins of the cottage, and Yvette was picked up some thirty yards away, unconscious, but untouched.

Extract from a German Communiqué.

"On the 20th June, a British 15-inch gun near Sailly was destroyed by aerial bombing."

"PORTE-MAISON."

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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Lieut. R. C. Stockley to be A.D.C. to the G.O.C., N. Ireland District (dated 25th September).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following is seconded:—Lieut. R. P. Whelan for service under the Colonial Office (dated 28th August).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
October, 1929.

THERE is really very little to record this month, and the pen of the writer has hovered, and will hover for long periods, suspended in mid-air.

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Autumnal tints don't seem to produce inspiration, neither is the G.-O.-C.'s annual inspection on the 25th October a subject for anything but melancholy. Melancholy though it may be, it produces enormous activity. Paint, soap, water, bath brick, and every sort of renovating material is being splashed about all over, and in, the Barracks. Men are seen feverishly cleaning equipment, boots and rifles. Officers are plying scissors and paste in their efforts to amend books up to date, and telegrams are pouring into Gale and Polden's with urgent request for help—at a price. And at the very end, no doubt, Fus. Jones will draw the attention of all to himself and his Company Commander by putting on his puttees inside out, and the inspection will end.

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Major Chenevix-Trench entered the realms (or is it lists ?) of matrimony on the 21st October. We wish them both all happiness. A full account of the wedding will be found elsewhere. The Officers of the Battalion sent him a silver salver, with an inscription and the signatures of the Officers.

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A draft of 85 Other Ranks left for the 2nd Battalion on the 7th October, and, marvellous to relate, there were no absentees. A further draft of about 145 Other Ranks, due to sail in December, will considerably deplete the Battalion.

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A draft of 28 arrived from the Depôt on the 4th October, and were posted to " W " Company.

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A slight reorganisation of Companies has been carried out, and they are now as follows :—

Headquarter Wing.—Major Sutherland, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Parsons, C.S.M. Clarke, C.Q.M.S. Bramley.

" W " Company.—Captain Gatehouse, Captain Thomas, Mr. Grimley, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Fishbourne, C.S.M. Scott, C.Q.M.S. Allan.

" X " Company.—Captain Braddell, Captain Pemberton, Mr. Tarleton, Mr. Threlfall, C.S.M. Carlin, C.Q.M.S. Shaw.

" Y " Company.—Captain Powell, Captain Scanlan, Mr. Laing, Mr. Sperling, Mr. Enderby, C.S.M. Purcell, C.Q.M.S. Irwin.

" Z " (M.G.) Company.—Captain Buckley, Captain Seth Smith, Mr. Yorke, Mr. Macmullen, Mr. Speer, C.S.M. Dannaford, C.Q.M.S. West.

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Of the above, Mr. Grimley and Mr. Tarleton have not yet arrived from the 2nd Battalion.

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Colonel Herbert and Captain Powell have spent ten days in Scotland as the guests of Sir Albert Whitaker, and had some excellent shooting.

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Mr. Carr-Ellison and Mr. Speer have gone to Netheravon machine gunning, and Captain Seth Smith has returned from this seat of learning. Mr. Laing has returned from a boxing course at Aldershot.

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Mr. Fishbourne has joined us on first appointment, and we all wish him many happy years' soldiering in the FIFTH. Some of us who knew his father begin to feel slightly old.

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Football is beginning to get into its winter stride ; results will be found elsewhere.

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We met the Depôt Royal Corps of Signals at Catterick, on the 22nd October, in the 1st Round of the Army Association Cup and won 5—2. A good start.

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Audit Boards and such-like uninteresting forms of militarism are about the only other happenings in a somewhat dullish month.

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The writer's pen now continues its hovering in space, but

THE 1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM.

it's no use ; nothing seems to materialize. The fact is there seems to be no theme.

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A short treatise on promotion examinations, or hunting, or York Minster might be all right, but few read such things even if the writer could write about them, which he can't.

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The " headings " or titles for such subjects are easy. What could sound better than the following selections ? " A Sickly Soldier's Meditations on York Minster " ; " The Diary of an Education Officer " ; " Hell's Bells ! or Extracts from the Teachings of a Brigadier " " From Fusilier to Serjeant and Back Again." Here are some excellent themes ; but it's hopeless, perfectly hopeless.

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Whether it is that this particular pen isn't mightier than the sword, or whether it's something in the autumnal atmosphere, or the forthcoming General's Inspection, the fact remains that the brain lacks inspiration and the pen fluency, so let's no longer chase shadows, but cast the pen aside and face facts

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in such words as the new confidential reports are made of *i.e.* :—Imagination—futile. Ability—none. Penmanship—lacking. General attitude—somnolent.

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A photograph of the Battalion Football Team will be found elsewhere, also results of Miniature Range Competitions. The Fusiliers beat the Officers by one point—327 to 326. Fus. Rose getting 50 out of a possible 55. The Fusiliers then proceeded to beat everyone else as the results will show.

Football.

The opening of the season dawned whilst we were in the midst of training around the "Catterick Area," and we were called upon to play our first game whilst there was a slight pause in our attacking and defending "Barden Fell."

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The Battalion has two teams this season. The first team playing in the "York and District League" (Saturday) Division 1.; whilst the second team is entered in the "York Half-Holiday League" (Wednesday), Division 1. It will be remembered we finished the season as League Champions of the "Half-Holiday League" last season.

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1st Team Notes.

We have so far played seven matches—three at home and four away.

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Position in League Table is as follows :—2nd from the top in League of 13.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Goals Against	Points.
7	5	2	0	34	16	10

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We are doing quite well and hope to finish the season one place higher in the table.

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Team doing duty :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Pennock.
Fus. Kellet. Cpl. Scanlan. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Cpl. Bell (*capt.*).

Reserve—Cpl. Stobbart.

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Fixtures played up to date :—

		For	Against
7/9/29	Ripon City (a)	6	2
21/9/29	Selby O.C.O. (h)	1	2
26/9/29	Selby O.C.O. (a) ..	2	1
28/9/29	St. Clements (h)	7	0
5/10/29	St. Lawrence (a)	5	7
12/10/29	Thirsk (a)	6	2
19/10/29	Fishergate Old Boys (h)	7	2

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Goal scorers to date :—

Cpl. Scanlan	17	
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes	16	(5 in Cup Tie)
Fus. Young	3	
Cpl. Bell	2	
Fus. Kellet	1	
	39	

2nd Team Notes.

We have so far played three matches in this League—one at home and two away.

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Position in League Table is as follows :—3rd in League of 9.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Goals Against.	Points.
3	2	1	0	16	5	6

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Team doing duty :—

Fus. Goften.
Fus. Arthurs. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson.
Fus. Boyd. Lce.-Sjt. Babington. Lce.-Cpl. Dunn.
Fus. Nicholson. Fus. Malcolm. Fus. Postle. Fus. Gregory.
Lce.-Cpl. Theakston.

Reserves—Lce.-Cpl. Dryden, Powell.
Captain of Team—Lce.-Sjt. Babington.

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Fixtures played up to date :—

	For.	Against.
Post Office (a)	11	0
Depôt West Yorks "B" (h) ..	3	1
Depôt West Yorks "A" (a) ..	2	4

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In the first round of the Local Charity Cup we met and defeated Cross's, Ltd., on their own ground, by 4 goals to nil.

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On the 16th of this month, under the auspices of the Wednesday League, an Inter-League Match between the York Half-Holiday League and Scarborough Wednesday League was played and resulted in a win for the York Half-Holiday League by 7 goals to 1. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson (*left back*) was selected to play, and Lce.-Sjt. Babington as reserve.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Fus. Postle	8	
Fus. Malcolm	7	
Fus. Gregory	2	
Lce.-Sjt. Babington	1	
Cpl. Pennock	1	
Lce.-Cpl. Charlton	1	
	20	(4 in Cup Tie)

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Army Cup Notes.

On Tuesday, 22nd October, 1929, we travelled to Catterick to meet the Depôt Battalion The Royal Corps of Signals in the first round of the Army Cup. The team had quite a large following from the Battalion, as four large charabancs were chartered and left York full—no doubt this had something to do with the splendid show that our men put up on the field.

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The team was as selected :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Pennock.
Fus. Kellet. Cpl. Scanlan. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Cpl. Bell (*capt.*)

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It took some time for our team to settle down, and the score at half-time stood at 1 goal to nil in our favour. On the resump-

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tion of play, the FIFTH took matters into their own hands and scored 4 more goals. During the second half the Depôt Battalion The Royal Corps of Signals were awarded a penalty for hands against Young; later they scored another goal, thus bringing their total up to 2.

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Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ran riot and scored all five goals for the FIFTH.

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Result :— Fifth Fusiliers 5
Depôt Bn. R.C.S. 2

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York and District League (Division I.).

LEAGUE TABLE.

Team.	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn.	Goals For	Agst.	Pts.
Rowntrees ..	7	6	1	0	22	8	12
1st Bn. N.F. ..	7	5	2	0	34	16	10
Knaresbro' Town	6	4	1	1	24	11	9
St. Lawrence W.M.C.	7	4	2	1	20	15	9
Ripon City ..	6	4	1	1	14	12	9
Thirsk Town ..	6	2	3	1	20	9	5
Dringhouses ..	5	2	2	1	9	8	5
St. Clements ..	6	2	3	1	8	19	5
Fishergate O.B. ..	6	1	3	2	9	22	4
New Earswick ..	7	1	4	2	17	24	4
Selby O.C.O. ..	6	2	4	0	7	13	4
L.N.E.R., P.W. ..	6	2	4	0	27	15	4
Malton Town ..	7	1	6	0	13	33	2

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York Half-Holiday League (Division I.).

Team.	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn.	Goals For	Agst.	Pts.
Depôt West Yorks Regt.	4	4	0	0	29	6	8
York Wednesday	3	3	0	0	9	4	6
North'd. Fus. ..	3	2	1	0	16	5	4
Co-op. Employees	5	1	2	2	7	11	4
Depôt West Yorks Regt. "B" ..	4	2	2	0	11	16	4
Ripon City Wed.	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
5th Inniskilling D.G.	2	1	1	0	6	4	2
Post Office ..	4	0	3	1	4	19	1
Military Hospital	5	0	5	0	8	23	0

Serjeants' Mess.

October, 1929.

Life at present is mixed up with a round of social events and the General's inspection.

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At the beginning of the month a billiard match was played against the Corporals, on our own ground, and, needless to say, we won comfortably.

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Scores are appended :—

R.S.M. Rowsell	100	Cpl. Stobbart	74
C.S.M. Clarke	100	Cpl. Shields	75
Sjt. Swain	100	Cpl. Watson	89
Sjt. Hobbs	100	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	27
Sjt. Bell	100	Cpl. Scanlan	97
Sjt. Babington	64	Lce.-Cpl. Theakstone ..	100
	564		462

Lce.-Cpl. Theakstone, highest break, 19.

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A very pleasant evening was spent, and some good games witnessed.

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A challenge was thrown out by C.Q.M.S. Bramley on behalf of our second team against the Corporals' second team, but nothing has happened as yet.

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On the 4th October the shoot for the Whittaker Cup took place, and was won by Sjt. Hobbs. Particulars will be found elsewhere.

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All the Benedicts turned up with attachments and the families had a very pleasant afternoon on the range at Strensall, and ended up with tea on the range.

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C.S.M. Carlin and his Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent fare served up.

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Our Billiard Handicap has started, but is not yet finished, so will hold up details until next month.

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Congratulations to the following on promotion :—

Lce.-Sjt. Gossage, at present with the W.A.F.F., on promotion to Serjeant.

Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson, promoted Serjeant and appointed Signalling Serjeant.

Cpl. Collier appointed paid Lance-Serjeant.

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Our monthly Whist Drive and Social was held on the 11th of the month, and everything came up to expectations. Over 100 sat down to whist, and after the whist a dance and social was held in the coffee bar.

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The prize-winners were :—

LADIES.		GENTS.	
1, Mrs. North	179	1, Mr. Wilkins ..	178
2, Mrs. Service	178	2, Sjt. Collier ..	174
3, Mrs. Parker ..	177	3, Mrs. Holdsworth ..	174
Booby—Mrs. Rowsell ..	135	*Booby*—Sjt. Dix ..	132

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We thank Mrs. Capstaffe for very ably distributing the prizes, and for presenting the Whittaker Cup to Sjt. Hobbs and the *Wooden Spoon* to C.Q.M.S. Bramley.

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Sjt. Babington is still going strong as captain of the reserve XI., and was chosen as reserve for the York Half-Holiday League against the Scarborough Wednesday League at football. He was also chosen to play in the billiard match between the two Leagues at night. Although the York League won the football match, they were outclassed in the billiards, Sjt. Babington being the only one of the York team to win.

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Why did the R.S.M. take the key of his house to Catterick with him, thereby causing great consternation when Mrs. Rowsell returned home? Sjt. Duggan and one of his angels solved the difficulty by borrowing a ladder and breaking in through the window.

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Whittaker Cup.

Won by Sjt. Hobbs, with a score of 89 out of 100.

	200 yds. Slow.	300 yds. Snap.	300 yds. Rapid.	500 yds. Slow.	Total.
Sjt. Hobbs	19	12	40	18	89
Sjt. Hackett	15	15	40	18	88
Sjt. Lynch	19	9	37	18	83
C.S.M. Purcell ..	17	9	41	15	82
Sjt. Harris	18	9	34	19	80
Sjt. Matthewson ..	15	6	37	18	76
Dmr. Hebbron ..	17	12	31	15	75
C.Q.M.S. Irwin ..	18	3	37	15	73
C.S.M. Clarke	13	15	32	12	72
Sjt. Babington ..	19	0	40	11	70
Sjt. Starbuck	18	6	34	12	70
C.Q.M.S. Shaw ..	11	9	32	17	69
Sjt. Haddon	15	9	40	3	67
Sjt. Moore	19	6	26	14	65
Sjt. Bellamy ..	16	12	24	12	64
Sjt. Dennes	13	14	20	16	63
Sjt. Ross	18	6	21	15	60
Sjt. Hutchinson ..	15	6	22	13	56
Sjt. Mears	18	3	22	17	60
Sjt. Bell	14	3	29	8	54
C.S.M. Carlin ..	15	3	26	10	54
Sjt. Croft	11	12	29	2	54
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	14	9	14	14	51
Sjt. Chislett	9	6	8	8	31
Sjt. Fotherby	10	3	23	5	41
C.Q.M.S. West ..	20	—	—	19	39
C.S.M. Daneford ..	5	—	20	3	28
C.Q.M.S. Bramley ..	1	3	6	—	10

Conditions—

5 rounds Slow, 200 Yards. 4 ft target.
5 rounds Snap, 300 Yards. Large Snap.
15 rounds Rapid, 300 Yards. 4 ft. target.
5 rounds Slow, 500 Yards. 6 ft. target.

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Miniature Range Competition.

SERJEANTS' MESS *v.* CORPORALS.

	I.	II.	III.	Total. H.P.S. 55.
C.S.M. Purcell	17	6	17	40
C.Q.M.S. Irwin	17	12	18	47
Sjt. Hobbs	18	9	12	39
Sjt. Hackett	19	15	14	48
Sjt. Mears	17	15	18	50
Sjt. Harris	19	15	14	48
Sjt. Lynch	17	12	11	40
Sjt. Matthewson ..	15	12	16	43
				355

Average, 44.37.

Cpl. Green	17	15	14	46
Cpl. Stevenson	10	6	11	27
Cpl. Naylor	12	6	17	35
Lce.-Cpl. Peneluna ..	16	9	18	43
Cpl. Ferguson	19	9	17	45
Cpl. Scanlan	15	6	10	31
Cpl. Bean	13	0	12	25
Cpl. Broadhead	18	3	14	35
				287

Average, 35.87.

Serjeants' Mess won by 68 points.

Final Miniature Range Competition.

SERJEANTS' MESS *v.* FUSILIERS.

	I.	II.	III.	Total. H.P.S. 55.
C.S.M. Purcell	11	16	9	36
C.Q.M.S. Irwin	14	20	15	49
Sjt. Hobbs	16	10	15	41
Sjt. Harris	18	18	12	48
Sjt. Mears	18	13	6	37
Sjt. Lynch	17	15	15	47
Sjt. Matthewson ..	15	11	15	41
Sjt. Hackett	20	18	15	53
				352

Average 44.

Fus. Arthurs (" X ") ..	20	18	12	50
Fus. Pollard (" Y ") ..	20	15	12	47
Fus. Dennison (M.G.) ..	18	19	3	40
Fus. Rose (" X ") ..	19	16	9	44
Fus. Lepine (M.G.) ..	18	11	12	41
Fus. Ambury (M.G.) ..	20	17	12	49
Fus. Adamson (" Y ") ..	18	15	12	45
Boy Byrne (M.G.) ..	19	19	12	50
				366

Average, 45.75.

Best Individual score—Sjt. Hackett, 53 out of 55.
Fusiliers won by 14 points.

Corporals' Club.

Things at present are very quiet in the fold, owing to preparations being got ready for winter training.

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We welcome back to the fold the following members who have just returned from the Depôt after completing a tour of duty :—Cpls. Ferguson, Pearson and Thornton.

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Cpls. Sylvester and " Dinky " Dunlop have left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt. We wish them luck in their new work as Squad Instructors.

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Our famous gramophone has been raffled to give place to a wireless set. Lce.-Cpl. Perry was the winner, so it went to the proper quarter, in the band.

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We are expecting to be regaled with some music on route marches, etc., when " Uncle " has had some tuition in the art of gramophone playing.

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Cpl. Shields has left us for three months, to undergo a course of instruction at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

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Congratulations are extended to the following members on their promotion to Corporal :—Lce.-Cpls. Broadhead, McDonough, Heard, Thornton, Hodgson and Luke, also those who were promoted to Paid Lce.-Cpls. :—Thompson, Wilson, J. Smith, Hanlon, Wilson and Henderson.

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Cpl. Collier has left us to become a member of the Serjeants' Mess, on his appointment to Lce.-Sjt. We heartily congratulate him.

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Our Monthly Dances are recommencing next month, which probably accounts for the curious capers some of the members can be seen cutting, when they think no one is watching them.

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The Serjeants and Corporals played a billiard match on the former's "midden," needless to say the Serjeants won. The scores are not to hand at present, but will be published in due course.

"NICKO."

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
October, 1929.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from the following:—Major R. E. Critchley-Salmonson, Mr. G. C. Humphreys, Major K. A. N. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon, Major H. Stephen, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, Capt. W. H. Braddell, Mr. R. H. Yorke, Bt.-Lieut.-Col. L. K. H. Finch, and the Assistant-Chaplain-General, Northern Command.

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The Course for the N.C.O.'s of the Depôt Staff continues. Sjt. Annison has returned from a refresher course at the Small Arms School (Hythe Wing). Sjt. Gent, A.E.C., is at present attending a Refresher Course at the School of Education, Shorncliffe. Sjt. Cross and Lce.-Sjt. Gray are carrying out a three week's attachment to the 1st Bn. The Coldstream Guards, at Aldershot, where they are doing a Drill Course.

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Major Chenevix-Trench and Mr. Clarke are on leave. Capt. Maynard and Mr. Collingwood have just returned from leave. Mr. Hitchin (Supplementary Reserve) completed his attachment to the Depôt on the 1st of the month. Capt. Hogshaw sailed for India on the 8th October. We wish him and Mrs. Hogshaw a pleasant journey and trust that he will defeat the examiners during the course of the voyage. The Advance Parties of the H.Q. 19th Field Brigade R.A., 97th Field Battery R.A. (both from Biebrich) and the 39th Field Battery R.A. (from Larkhill) arrived on the 24th September, closely followed by the main bodies on the 3rd October. The advance parties and all details (horse conducting parties and married families) have been attached to the Depôt, and their Officers, eleven in all, are living in the 5th/68th Mess, their own Mess still being in the hands of the painters and decorators.

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The interior of the Barracks are being painted, at least most of the floors of the Barrack rooms are covered in paint, and the whole Barracks are generally upside down.

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Major Chenevix-Trench, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Clarke have all had some shooting. Major Chenevix-Trench has also been out cubbing.

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On the 29th October, the 149th Infantry Brigade held a Tactical Exercise at Kenton. An Officer from the Depôt attended. We are pleased to learn that all the candidates from the 50th (Northumbrian) Division defeated the examiners in the (a) Examination and that only two candidates failed in the (c) Examination.

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Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., is to carry out his annual inspection of the Depôt on 25th October.

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Arrangements are now well in hand for Armistice Celebrations, but more of this next month.

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The Permanent Staff Instructors of the 50th Division who attended a Machine Gun Course at the Depôt last month, have, we are glad to hear, passed into the School successfully.

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At present there is only one Squad at the Depôt (August Squad). Recruiting is still desperately slow. Our neighbours, the 68th, have just taken a month to complete a Squad. We are now open for recruiting.

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It seems likely that C.S.M. Curtis, C.Q.M.S. Lewis, and Sjt. Bowker will be leaving us, in order to join the 2nd Battalion, on or about the 18th December.

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We have been pleased to receive from the Lord Mayor (Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C.) some copies of "A Song of Northumberland." The words are by Alderman J. R. Hogg, J.P., and the music has been composed by the Lady Mayoress.

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Capt. Lindsay, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, and Mr. Collingwood attended the Autumn Meeting at Gosforth Park, where quite a number of guests were entertained to tea in the Box of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts. This Box is now situated in the County Stand, and is a great improvement on the room which we previously had in the Paddock. Should this catch the eye of any past members of the Regiment it is to be hoped that when next they attend Gosforth Races they will find their own way to No. 2 Box, the first Box at the top of the stairs, as it is difficult if not impossible for the few Officers from the Depôt who do attend to issue personal invitations in such a crowd.

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The marriage took place, on the 21st October, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench and Miss Francis Shirley. All ranks of the Depôt take this opportunity of offering them their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future. The following attended from the Depôt:—Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. Collingwood, R.S.M. Brocklesby, R.Q.M.S. Willson and Q.M.S. Wardle.

Extracts from Depot Orders.

Postings.—Posted to Depôt:—No. 4266669 Fus. T. Fee (dated 16/9/29); No. 4853492 Cpl. A. Dunlop; No. 4260253 Cpl. Sylvester; No. 4265915 Fus. J. R. Hatton; No. 4265509 Fus. A. Johnson; No. 4266320 Fus. W. Vasey (dated 1/10/29). Re-posted to 1st Battalion:—No. 4257872 Cpl. Ferguson; No. 7075265 Fus. W. Cole; No. 4263270 Fus. F. Vail; No. 4263870 Cpl. Pearson (dated 1/10/29); No. 4264183 Fus. J. Petch (dated 3/10/29); No. 7075487 Fus. C. Crosby (dated 14/10/29).

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Extensions of Service.—No. 4263162 Lce.-Sjt. W. Graham, No. 4257872 Cpl. Ferguson, No. 4262705 Lce.-Cpl. F. Lawson permitted to extend their service to complete 12 years with the Colours (dated 4/10/29).

Education.—The undermentioned Fusiliers were awarded 3rd Class Certificates at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 5/9/29:—No. 4267084 Fus. A. Allan, No. 4267234 Fus. Allison, No. 4446876 Fus. R. Butler, No. 4267238 Fus. J. Flounders, No. 4267209 Fus. W. Matthews, No. 4266968 Fus. J. Mossop, No. 4267056 Fus. J. Parry, No. 4267239 Fus. A. Scott, No. 4267217 Fus. J. Sinclair, No. 4267211 Fus. F. Smith, No. 4267218 Fus. G. Whiley.

Strength.—W.O.'s, Class I., 1; W.O.'s, Class II., 3; S/Sjts. and Sjts, 9; Paid Lce.-Sjts., 4; Cpls., 8; Paid Lce.-Cpls., 7; Drmrs. and Fusrs., 35; Recruits, 34. Total, 101. Attached, 1 Fusilier.

Boxing.

On the 26th September there was an impromptu boxing competition between May and August Squads, the latter winning by the narrow margin of four points.

Rugby.

Several punt-abouts have been held, and we played one game against the 68th, who defeated us by eight points to nil. In fairness to the 68th it should be mentioned that they did not field a full side, Mr. Brown being a notable absentee. He refereed for us instead. The ground was hard, the weather distinctly warm, and the team very inexperienced; at least 50 % of our players never having played before. However, now that we have again broken the ice, it is to be hoped that Rugby at the Depôt has come to stay, but with the arrival of the Artillery it seems certain that the difficulty of getting a ground will almost certainly crop up. Our team was as follows:—

Back.—Sjt. Gent (A.E.C.); *three-quarters*—Fus. Barnes, Fus. Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Fus. Blaylock; *halves*—Mr. Collingwood, Fus. Flounders; *forwards*—Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mr. Clarke, Sjt. Chapman, Lce.-Sjt. Graham, Cpl. Turnbull, Fus. Lee, Fus. Watchorn, Fus. Mathwin.

Association Football.

The following matches have been played:—

25th Sept.—*v.* Post Office Wednesday, at Fenham. Won, 7—0. Goal scorers—Fus. Brown (4), Sjt. Cross (1), Sjt. Graham (1), Cpl. Jarmain (1).

2nd Oct.—*v.* Consett Wednesday, at Consett. Won, 8—2. Goal scorers—Sjt. Cross (3), Cpl. Taylor (3), Fus. Brown (1), Cpl. Jarmain (1).

9th Oct.—*v.* Leadgate, at Leadgate. Won, 5—0. Goal scorers—Lce.-Cpl. Avery (3), Sjt. Cross (1), Fus. Brown (1).

The following team has represented the Depôt:—

Fus. Maddison.

Sjt. Gent. Drmr. Stockton.

Sjt. Graham. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Cpl. Gray.

Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Fus. Brown. Cpl. Jarmain. Cpl. Taylor.

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

28th October, 1929.

Wieltje.

THOSE of the original 1st Line of the Battalion able to be present at the unveiling ceremony of the 50th Division Memorial will long remember the event. They have met many times from time to time since April, 1915, but surely that handshake, just prior to the unveiling ceremony, on almost the very spot where the Battalion received its baptism of shell and machine gun fire, was a true example of real comradeship.

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A most interesting journey by road was made from Zeebrugge to Wieltje, *via* several battle areas and St. Julien, the original objective.

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After the most impressive ceremony, "Wipers" was visited for food and refreshments and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent there. Time was, however, found to visit the area associated with the Battalion in its first battle, but recognition of places and features, prominent in those days, was rather difficult owing to the complete re-building of all farms, etc.

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The return was then made to Zeebrugge, and after a final farewell cup on Belgian soil, back to the ship, when, with the last man safely aboard, she steamed quietly away from the famous mole.

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The accompanying photograph of the 4th Battalion group was taken at the foot of the Memorial after the ceremony, and is published by the kind permission of "Photopress."

Top Row.—ex-Sjt. Dargai. ex-C.Q.M.S. McIvor. ex-Sjt. Gibbons. ex-Cpl. Dickson ex-Sjt. Taylor.
Third Row.—ex-Sjt. Pickering. ex-Sjt. Donnelly. ex-C.S.M. Smith. ex-Fus. Ord. ex.-C.Q.M.S. Dickenson. ex-Dmr. D. Foster. ex-Sjt. Broad.
Second Row.—ex-Sjt. Armstrong. Sjt. Cameron. B.M. Foster. C.Q.M.S. Cowans. C.S.M. Stuart. ex-R.Q.M.S. Dixon. R.Q.M.S. Connell. Mrs. Dickenson. Cpl. Hanking. ex-Dmr.-Major Foster.
Sitting.—Capt. C. Chipper. Miss Osborne. Col C. O. P. Gibson, M.C. Col. J. R. Robb. Major W. E. Stephenson. Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E. Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. Mrs. Osborne. Major G. L. Bradley. Capt. H. M. Carrick.

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Newburn Detachment.

A very interesting Exercise took place on the 19th of this month near Morpeth, and according to the first narrative, the neighbouring states of "Scotia" and "Northumbria" were at war.

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Apparently "Scotia" was truculent and this seemed to cause a bit of bother, the outcome being that the collective brains (including Newburn) of the 50th Division spent the whole day peregrinating around the vicinity of Longhorsley, for the express purpose of concocting a fire plan to suit the situation.

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Preliminary schemes having been outlined on the site, the delegation adjourned to the Central Station Hotel, Newcastle, where a most heterogeneous collection of operation orders was written.

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This involved a collosal amount of mathematical calculation, but the job was heroically tackled by tame Adjutants, Artillery and Machine Gun Experts, the resultant inclining to the complete extinction of the enemy and the entire satisfaction of the Directing Staff.

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The mental strain of the occasion was terrific, but no doubt the interested and kindly presence of Colonel N. I. Wright, two newspaper reporters and a goodly collection of Bass and Worthington cheered up the proceedings considerably.

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Our own machine gun enthusiasts were unable to attend and Capt. Hare and Capt. Wood were sent to fill the gap.

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We may say that the machine gunners have lost great prestige over this, as an insight was obtained into the supposed mysterious rites of M.G. tactics, furthermore, we have unanimously arrived at the conclusion that machine gunning is a much over-rated pastime.

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Mr. Neville and Mr. Davison were, of course, unable to attend as they had not quite recovered from passing Promotion Examinations, and for this latter success—congratulations.

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Col. Cruddas has decided that we ought to have some boxing in the Battalion, and to this end the Adjutant (Capt. Fryer) has intimated that he is willing to present a trophy, provided enough enthusiasm is displayed.

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A Boxing Committee has been formed and its members

MAJ-GEN. NEWCOME AT TACTICAL EXERCISE AT LONGHORSLEY.

are the Adjutant, the Sports Officer, and one N.C.O. representative from each Company.

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The representatives from "W" and "X" Companies are respectively, Sjt. Calligan and C.Q.M.S. Jobson.

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"W" and "X" Companies held a combined meeting, presided over by Capt. Wood and Capt. Gibson, to consider the possibility of boxing within the Detachment, and it was pleasing to note that although we have no talent, we have plenty of people interested and quite a number eager to try on the gloves.

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C.S.M. Stuart has warned us that he will go no further than timekeeping, but Mr. Neville and Mr. Cruddas, with a few Serjeants and one or two Other Ranks, have signified their willingness to be practised upon.

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The views of H.Q. Wing are not yet to hand, but it is extremely likely that Sjt. Veitch might be a possible heavyweight.

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Just as we think of something with enterprise, such as "Buy a Billiard Table and keep your boys at home," or "Bring your boxing gloves and spend your evenings at the Drill Hall," the unscrupulous unemployment bureau deal a dastardly blow and send away some of our best N.C.O.'s to other parts of the country.

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C.S.M. "Tommy" Brown was big and hefty, but he is in Lincolnshire and he has been joined by Sjt. Armstrong, another stalwart, also C.S.M. Mitchinson was suspected of being very ferocious, therefore he has been sent to Blackpool.

Serjeants' Mess.

During the month Ex-Sjt. (Billy) Cameron paid us a visit from Glasgow; we understand he is doing very well and looking well, he will be remembered for his shooting at Bisley, etc.

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We were pleased to hear that C.S.M. (Billy) Mitchinson is doing well at Blackpool. Like many more of our members he has been obliged to seek employment there.

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Things have been much better in the way of functions, we take this opportunity of thanking Ex-Sjt. (Franky) Freeborn and the Roseworth Quartette for entertaining us on the 19th instant.

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They are worth going many miles to hear!

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Our thanks are also due to our old friend R.Q.M.S. W. Cowans (R.A.M.C.), who rendered several items during the evening. (More power to your elbow, Billy).

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. C. P. Jobson on having defeated all the champions in the district at bowls and landed a beautiful cup (20 pints).

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There is no truth in the rumour that the R.S.M. is about to enter the matrimonial stakes in spite of him having been snapped with a bird on each arm.

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On the 18th instant we entertained the Newburn Memorial Club to billiards, shooting and phat, the results being:—

BILLIARDS.

Mr. J. K. Brown	100	Sjt. J. McHugh	82
Mr. G. Nelson	59	C.Q.M.S. C. P. Jobson	100
Mr. S. Barlow	100	Ex-Sjt. F. Freeborn	84
Mr. E. Brown	100	R.S.M. G. E. Newton	92
Total	359	Total	358

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SHOOTING.

We ran out easy winners (only to be expected as some of our friends haven't done any Pokey Drill since the Armistice was signed).

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PHAT.

We won by two games to one and no "Bells."

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We finished a very enjoyable evening with a Sing-Song.

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We are holding a Fancy Dress Ball on Armistice Night, and it is in the hands of a good Committee; and from what we hear, is going to be a bumper night. More later.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
23rd October, 1929.

WHEN the T.A. soldier settles into winter quarters he does it thoroughly, but for real solid torpor the hibernation of this Autumn of 1929 has eclipsed all records. It would seem that, having reached the peak of its effort at annual training in June this year, the Battalion sank exhausted into its winter sleep, and the usual autumn prods have not produced the flicker of an eyelid.

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There was to be a Battalion Exercise on 27th October, for Officers and N.C.O.'s, in order that machine gun minor tactics might be studied. This idea collapsed through lack of support. It is calculated that of the notices despatched regarding this proposed exercise 50 per cent. were burnt before opening, and the remainder after.

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The response, at any rate, clearly indicated "not for it."

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Then take the case of the 50th Divisional Exercise at Newcastle on 20th October. This, now, was a really attractive bit of work.

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The candidate could on this show be a Corps Commander if he liked, and there were no jobs lower than that of Infantry Brigadier. And to save the face of any Officer so unfortunate as to be detailed to so paltry a command, two Brigades of Artillery and other odds and ends were thrown to each temporary Brigadier as make-weight.

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Added to this pandering to the vanity, there were solid financial inducements and a sandwich lunch designed by the L.N.E.R.

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But again the answer was "Nicht, mich! After much pleading six candidates offered themselves for sacrifice. Of these, three scratched and three went to the post. Of the three runners, one was the Adjutant, who doesn't count; one was a subaltern from Kelso, who spent the week-end with one eye on the fire plan and the other eye on the programme of the Oxford Galleries; and the third Officer resigned the post of Brigadier half-way through the exercise in a huff because he found his artillery was not mechanised. "Up-to-date, or nowt! that's me," said this warrior; and he boarded his Carden-Lloyd-cum-Morris-Rover and hit the road for Berwick and the bairns.

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It will be some comfort to this Officer to learn that the answer to this exercise was not a lemon, as he suspected—there was *no* answer.

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But it is amazing to think that in the spring of 1930 a real live Infantry Battalion will resurrect itself, and without a great deal of fuss. Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of this scattered Battalion simply fade out after camp yearly, and no visible framework of activity holds them together. But each year sees the miracle recur, and no doubt 1930 will find the 7th Battalion again in being—solid, cohesive, and a Unit. But the Adjutant, being foreign to these parts, is suffering from his autumn attack of morbid terror for the future.

THE CO-OPERATIVE UNION CHALLENGE CUP, 1929.
WON BY 7TH BN. NORTH'D. FUSILIERS' RIFLE CLUB.
C.S.M. J. Ratliff. C.S.M. W. Greaves.
Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C. R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M.

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To keep some kind of flickering life in the body the unfortunate permanent staff are being hunted from their lairs, and C.S.M. J. T. Ratliff is now at Netheravon preparing an offensive against the M.G. Company, to which he is P.S.I.; and C.S.M. Beatty goes in November to the Military College of Science to qualify in the care and maintenance of his armoury.

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In addition the three P.S.I.'s not holding 1st Class Certificates of Education are being encouraged to secure this qualification this winter. The Depôt Education Staff is lending its aid to this end, and it is hoped that the spring examination will find these N.C.O.'s secure in the possession of this necessary stepping stone to advancement in the Regiment.

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We include in these notes a picture of the P.S. Team that won the Co-operative Challenge Cup. We are rather conceited about this. Captain Brenam's team of four is selected from only six individuals available. Only two events were open to this team—the "Co-op. Cup" and the "Earl Grey." The first was won and the team obtained 2nd place in the "Earl Grey" for the second year in succession. Both events were won in a big field of T.A. and Civilian and R.N.V.R. teams.

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It is of interest to note that all four members of the team are ex-"W" Company, 1st Battalion.

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We congratulate Lieut. W. S. Sanderson on qualifying in the "A" Examination for promotion to Captain, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 6th October, 1929.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 523 Other Ranks.

Officers' Re-Union.

149th Brigade Dinner in Newcastle.

THE Eleventh Annual Gathering of Officers who served during the War with the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade Group took place on Friday, the 25th October, when about 40 sat down to dinner at Tilley's, Blackett Street, Newcastle.

Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., who presided, proposed the loyal toast, and this was followed by that of "Our Gallant Dead," which was honoured in silence.

Among those present were Colonels E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., G. C. Pollard, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Lieut.-Colonels Wm. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., E. G. Augus, M.C., T.D., W. A. Benson, D.S.O., T.D., H. S. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., C. W. Brims, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., B. Cruddas, D.S.O., J. R. Robb, T.D., G. E. Wilkinson, M.C.; Majors R. Atkinson, M.C., T.D., G. F. Bell, E. C. Dixon, R. M. Graham, M.C., D. Hill, M.C., W. R. Stowell, W. E. Walker; Captains G. R. Barnett-Smith, F. C. Clayton, M.C., F. Dawson, M.C., J. Dean, R. Embleton, M.B.E., M.C., A. B. Hare, M.C., R. W. Nicholson, T. M. R. Pinkney, H. A. Ryott, H. B. Speke, O.B.E., T. Sopwith, E. H. Watson; and Lieutenants R. Roxburgh, M.C., and H. T. Pape.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD.
October, 1929.

THE dinner to holders of the V.C., which is being held on 9th November in the Houses of Parliament, and is to be presided over by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, will be attended by no less than five heroes who won their decoration with the Colours of the Regiment. They are Lieut. Michael O'Leary (Tyneside Irish), 2nd-Lieut. James Johnson (36th Battalion), Lce.-Cpl. Thomas Bryan (25th Battalion), Fus. Ernest Sykes (27th Battalion), Fus. Wilfred Wood (10th Battalion). All of these earned the award during the Great War. Another gallant lad, 2nd-Lieut. John Youll, who was also decorated, was afterwards killed at the Battle of the Piave, on the Italian Front. May the memory of his gallantry ever be kept fresh in the hearts of his comrades!

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The marriage took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Major J. Chenevix-Trench, The Northumberland Fusiliers, son of the late Major-General Frederic Chenevix-Trench, formerly 20th Hussars, and Miss Frances Shirley, younger daughter of the late Mr. Sewallis Evelyn Shirley, of Ettington Park, Warwickshire, and Lough Fea, Carrickmacross, and of the late Mrs. Shirley. Dr. Perkins, Minor Canon of Westminster Abbey, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Major Shirley, wore a gown of white net and old tinted lace over satin, with a train of old Brussels lace hemmed with net. Her long net veil was edged with pearls and held in place by a wreath of orange-blossom and myrtle, and she carried a bouquet of red roses tied with white net. She was attended by two little girls, the Hon. Elizabeth and the Hon. Penelope Shirley, who wore long picture frocks of white satin and deep cream lace, with lace caps, and carried Victorian posies of red roses. There were also four pages, Master John Shirley, Master John Scott, Master Michael Trasenster, and Master Arthur Innes, who wore white brocade court suits and carried books bound in red morocco, the gift of the bridegroom. Lieut.-Colonel Philip Rushbrooke was best man, and a reception was held afterwards by the bride's sister, Mrs. Wilfrid Brownlow, at 57A, Cadogan Square.

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Mr. Charles Sanford
Capt. B. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.

Letter to the Editor.

Mardocks House,
Ware,
Herts,
18th October, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I enclose two letters and a memorandum which I have received from the Commandant, Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

The value of such a museum as he suggests to future gentlemen cadets in stimulating their interest in the history of the

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British Army and in those who helped to build up its traditions, is likely to be so great that I do not hesitate to appeal to past and present Officers to assist in making it a success.

I shall be grateful if you can find room in the pages of the *Gazette* to publish this correspondence.

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON
(*Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers*).

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,
SANDHURST,
CAMBERLEY, SURREY.

DEAR GENERAL

When I visited St. Cyr recently I was vividly impressed by the Museum there. I felt at once that something of the same kind should long ago have been started at Sandhurst. The St. Cyr Museum, in which are gathered mementos of France's most distinguished soldiers, serves as a lively inspiration to all who seek to follow them.

Though our ways are not quite their ways and our Gentlemen Cadets less articulate than their Cadets in revealing, as my cadet-guide revealed to me, the depth of feeling stirred by this Museum of theirs, I am sure nothing but good can come from starting a similar collection here.

I have, for some months, been working towards this end and have arranged for a suitable building in which exhibits already received will be set up. This building is now ready. Some relics of great interest have already been received.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught has graciously honoured us by becoming the President of the Museum.

Unless the Museum is dignified and its contents bear close relationship to those who have passed through the College and those whose distinction we would perpetuate, it will be unworthy of their memory. It must contain no trash, and the Committee I have formed will discriminate very carefully in choosing exhibits.

For this reason I am addressing this letter to a limited number of distinguished Officers who will at once appreciate the purpose underlying the inception of a Museum at Sandhurst, and who, I hope, may be so sympathetic as to be prepared to assist, either by offering some appropriate exhibit or by using their influence amongst friends whom they know to possess the kind of exhibit we are seeking.

The Committee will be exceedingly grateful for any assistance you can give.

I would request that communications regarding the Museum be addressed to :—

"The Secretary,
Museum Committee,
Royal Military College,
Camberley."

Yours very truly,
A. GIRDWOOD
(*Major-General, General Staff, Commandant, Royal Military College*).

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE,
SANDHURST,
CAMBERLEY,
SURREY,
17th September, 1929.

DEAR SIR PERCIVAL WILKINSON,

Certain Colonels of Regiments have asked for detailed information as regards what is meant by "Distinguished" and what type of exhibit is required. The Committee, therefore, have decided to send the attached to all Colonels of Regiments to assist them in selecting Officers of their Regiments for representation and also to show the type of exhibit already received.

You will notice that it has been decided that it will not now be necessary for Officers to have been at the Royal Military College in order to be eligible for commemoration. This, I hope, will save you a considerable amount of difficulty in making out your list.

Records of all Officers who have passed through the Royal Military College are held by us here, in case you should ever wish to refer to them.

Yours truly,
J. E. F. CAMPBELL
(*Captain, Hon. Secretary, Royal Military College Museum Committee*).

Distinguished Officer—Definition of.

A. (i) Any Officer whose deeds are of general historical interest and associated with an exploit of national importance, *e.g.*, Lord Roberts, Lord Haig.

(ii) Officers who have risen to high rank in the Army, irrespective of whether they passed through the Royal Military College or not, *e.g.*, Commander-*in*-Chief, C.-in-C. India, C.I.G.S., Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, etc., etc.

B. Governors of Dominions, etc., and Officers who have become Governors of Chelsea Hospital; Royal Hospital, Dublin; Royal Military College, etc.

C. Officers who, irrespective of rank, have won great distinction, *e.g.*, Capt. Oates, Col. Norton, Brig.-Gen. Bruce, Major Tom Bridges, Sir Henry Lawrence, Major Evelyn Baring (Lord Cromer).

D. Officers who by their connection with the Royal Military College deserve commemoration in the Museum, *e.g.* :—

1. H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge.
2. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.
3. H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester.
4. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.
5. The Prince of Asturias.
6. Major-General Le Marchant.

E. Other persons who, by their connection with the Army, deserve commemoration in the Museum, *e.g.* :— Sir John Fortescue, Lord Haldane, Lord Cardwell.

F. Specially inspiring Officer V.C.'s.

Types of Exhibits already received illustrative of the kind of exhibit that is sought.

1. Scovell relics.—
   (a) Decorations and Medals.
   (b) Portrait of Sir George Scovell with R.M.C. in background.
   (c) Standard carried by Pall Bearers (of whom Sir George Scovell was one) at the Duke of Wellington's funeral.
   (d) Two framed prints of the "Waterloo Banquet" and "Heroes of Waterloo."
2. Set of drawing instruments belonging to the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, used before entry into the Army and whilst a Junior Officer.
3. Personal relics of Lord Haig; Sir Redvers Buller.

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Suggestions as to the type of exhibits which would be welcomed.

1. Personal relics associated with some incident of national interest, *e.g.* :—Gordon's last message.
2. *Pictures.*—(As wall space is restricted, it is hoped that prospective donors will communicate specially with the Committee before forwarding any pictures to the Royal Military College).
3. *Documents.*—Special Orders of the Day (originals or copies actually issued in war). Documents or other articles of particular interest connected with history of the College.
4. *Personal Letters.*—From Officers in past Campaigns.
5. Articles captured in stirring circumstances in any Campaign
6. Books, Diaries and Commissions, belonging to distinguished Officers under category A. (i) and (ii), B., C., D.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

22nd October, 1929.

SINCE our last notes we have had one Committee Meeting; this was necessary to make final arrangements for the Armistice Dinner, which is to be held in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 9th November, 1929.

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We have also held a General Meeting at St. George's Drill Hall, on the 16th October (about 80 members were present), when a presentation was made to ex-Clr.-Sjt. Josling, who, as stated in our last month's notes, was emigrating to Australia. After business and the presentation, a concert was held, a special Concert Party being engaged for the occasion; this was left in the hands of our Hon. Secretary, who did us well.

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We have had several new members during the past month, the names will be published in our next notes.

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Congratulations to our Hon. Treasurer, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., on the occasion of his marriage. The Association wish him long life and happiness.

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Yet another of our members has taken unto himself a wife. Many of the 1st and 2nd Battalions' Band and Drums will remember Mr. D. W. Fisk. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

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It is rumoured that the said Gentleman is resigning from the Committee owing to pressure of business.

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Whist Drives are going along fine—so well that we have now extended it to two nights a week, namely Tuesdays and Fridays.

London Area.

A General Meeting was held at Headquarters, The Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., on Wednesday, 25th September.

In the unavoidable absence of our President, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, the Chair was occupied by our Vice-President, Geo. Redhead, Esq.

There were present Col. D. Sapte, *Hon. Treasurer*, Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Capt. J. T. Rowland, and upwards of 60 members.

We also welcomed amongst us two members of the Newcastle Branch, who were temporary resident in London, seeking employment, unfortunately without success.

Entertainment.—After the Meeting a very pleasant evening was spent. A Dance was held, which was well attended, our numbers having been considerably increased by some who were unable to get there in time for the General Meeting.

The arrangements were very ably carried out by our M.C.'s, Messrs. W. H. Matthews and J. Weston, whose efforts deserve a word of praise.

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The arrangements for our Annual Re-Union Dinner are practically completed, and we are confidently looking forward to beating all records regarding attendance. We appear to have at last found an ideal rendezvous.

"The Wood."

IT was quite a large wood, situated on a gentle slope just beyond the hamlet of Ciénnes. A wood of pine trees which wafted its sweet, strong scents over the countryside. Rabbits played and had their homes amongst the fallen pine needles, and squirrels gambolled in its trees.

A quiet, restful wood on this hot day in late July, 1914: a wood that seemed to breathe an atmosphere of Love, of Happiness, of Life; a wood that seemed to hold the sacred secrets of many happy lovers.

From its western edge the hamlet of Ciénnes could be seen at the foot of the slope, nestled in its abundant orchards; and beyond, the fields of Flanders stretched to the misty, far horizon. Here and there small white farms could be seen, the smoke from their chimneys coiling lazily upward to the cloudless sky.

Sometimes lovers wandered to the wood, and there dreamt dreams, formed happy plans and all the things that lovers do.

On this late July day, such a two were sitting beneath one of its pine trees—Yvonne, the pretty daughter of Jules Laborde, the farmer, and Jacques, the soldier son of Pierre Lerocque, the landlord of Ciénnes chief estaminet. These two had been betrothed but two days, although they had been lovers from childhood.

Jacques, a dark, sturdy youth, was stationed at Merlé Fort, three miles to the westward; one of the outer chains of forts protecting Liége.

Jacques was speaking: "Just think, my darling, in three months' time I shall return to the old home once again. Thank God, my military service is nearly over. I'm no soldier, Yvonne, and long for the old life again. In three months' time we will be married, and in the little farm of old Guitry. I'm sorry the old fellow died, but glad my father has bought the farm for us."

Yvonne had listened with a far distant look in her eyes, and as Jacques paused she turned to him impulsively and flung her arms round his neck. "It's silly of me, but I sometimes feel it's all too good to be true, and won't last very long." Her voice faltered, and she buried her face on his breast and her shoulders shook.

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Jacques gathered her in his arms, and with endearing words and caressing actions, helped perhaps by the soothing languor of the wood, brought smiles into her face again, and tears gave way to loving smiles.

Soon after, with arms entwined round waists, they wandered slowly to the hamlet and after fond embraces Jacques set out along the road to the fort and Yvonne entered her father's farm.

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The countryside was ablaze. A heavy pall of black smoke hung over Fort Merlé, ever increased by fresh spouts that slowly rose from the ground. Dull red splashes of fire continually seamed this black pall, and the earth vibrated to dull, crashing detonations. Over the eastern end of the wood by Ciénnes, smaller gusts of lighter coloured smoke arose in quick jets. Merlé Fort was under heavy bombardment by German and Austrian howitzers. These weapons of death squatted hideously behind the wood by Ciénnes, their upraised snouts belching smoke and flame, the countryside for miles vibrating under their violent discharges.

In the hamlet of Ciénnes, a Battalion of Jaëgers was resting, and every now and then a shell from Fort Merlé fell in and around the hamlet and wood.

Yvonne was dazed and nearly mad with fear. Her father had refused to leave the farm at the approach of the invader, and now it was too late.

For two days had she watched the passing of the grey masses, for nearly two days had she seen, as in a nightmare, the flame and smoke over Fort Merlé.

Was he alive? Would he live? Would he come and fetch them away to safety? Could he come? Would he come only to find her dead? Unendingly these thoughts flashed through her stricken mind.

On this second day, at about ten o'clock in the evening, she had a sudden overwhelming impulse to go once more to the pine tree in the wood. I believe he's waiting there. Would he be there? Yes! No! But I must go and see. I *must* go and see. She gathered her skirts in her hands, and quickly and quietly picked her way through the yard, through the gate into the field, then ran along the hedge-side to the wood and came to the pine tree, when a fearful, tearing, shattering explosion rent the air just above her, and she knew no more. In point of fact it was the last shell destined to be fired from Fort Merlé, and the hand that fired the gun was that of Jacques Lerocque.

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The same evening, at precisely seven minutes past ten, Jacques Lerocque fired this last shell, and immediately after an explosion even greater than the many that had thundered on and around the cupola for the last two days hurled him into a far corner. He staggered to his feet, and with his back against a side of the concrete embrasure he wiped the sweat and dirt and blood from his eyes and face. Dense clouds of biting, acrid smoke filled the chamber. He staggered towards his gun, and found it wrecked, the last gun to go, and Fort Merlé ceased to impede the advance of the invader.

For two days Jacques' anguished thoughts had been with Yvonne. For two days had he forced himself to fight his gun and fire on the hamlet of Ciénnes and the wood beyond. For two terrible nightmare days that had seemed centuries of unbearable time, had he wondered if she were still alive. Had she left the farm? Where was she? He pictured her body torn to pieces, perhaps by a shell from this very gun. He pictured her struggling in the arms of some drunken Boche. He pictured her lying wounded to death in the yard or orchard. He pictured her until his brain seemed white hot, his eyes, head, ears bursting. Time and again had he almost deserted his post to go and find her. And now he could fire his gun no more. Now he could go.

Desperately he staggered out of the embrasure and along the gallery to the rear entrance. He was unaware of the sharp, authoritative question flung at him by an Officer as he passed. He only half heard the quick, sharp order: "Come here at once." He only very dimly heard the staccato report of an automatic pistol, but faintly felt the frightful hammer-like blow as a bullet passed through his shoulder.

He sprang through the entrance into the night, and ran down the road that led to Ciénnes. His brain cooled as he ran, and he quickly remembered that the German trenches were only some eight hundred yards ahead. He took to the fields, and stole forward, worming his way over trench lines, avoiding sentries, until at last he came to the farm of Jules Laborde. He edged carefully along the wall to the kitchen window. He looked in. The room was full of German soldiery, drinking, singing, and gambling, but neither Yvonne nor Jules was there.

He climbed on to the roof of an outhouse, and bending round the angle of a wall found the open window of Yvonne's room. He whispered her name. No answer. Louder. No answer.

In desperation he reached further round and clutched the sill and swung himself off the outhouse roof, the sudden agony in his shoulder reminding him for the first time of his wound.

With difficulty he pulled himself up and entered the room. No Yvonne. Silently he stole to Jules' room. No one. A sudden thought flashed through his mind. Perhaps the drunken soldiers had frightened them? Perhaps they were hiding in the wood? It was strange that he never thought that they might have left the hamlet and gone westwards to safety!

Hurriedly he left the house by a window, picked his way through the yard, through the gate into the field and along the hedge-side to the wood. He came to the pine tree and stumbled over something that was soft and yielding, and in some way human to the touch.

He bent down, and in the dim light of the summer night he saw Yvonne, and what else he saw forced a terrible, despairing, tortured cry from him. He stumbled, demented, from the wood, straight on to the road. He hardly heard the guttural challenge, and rattle of a rifle bolt; hardly saw the flash of a torch in his face, and who shall say whether he felt the bullet that entered his brain?

"PORTE-MAISON."

Tobacco.

CUSTOM is a funny business if you come to think of it. I thought of it the other day when I barked my shin on a piece of furniture. "Why," I asked myself, "has an otherwise intelligent Providence ordained that the calf of my leg should be at the back of my shin bone and not protecting it?" It then occurred to me that old man Darwin had a lot of sense in his theory and that really Providence had ordained us to go on all fours so that the protection arranged for should be adequate. Custom has made us assume an upright posture, but has failed lamentably in making us enjoy barking one's shins. You may ask why head this stuff "Tobacco?" Well,

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I'll tell you. For years and years I have been accustomed to connecting Players tobacco in most forms with a picture of a healthy-looking bearded sailor-man. Judging, however, by a list containing pictorial representations of his 'Xmas packings, which Mr. John Player has sent me, custom has gone by the board in some 90 % of the attractive-looking containers. Perhaps it is a good thing, though I prefer what I am accustomed to. I am assured, however, that the quality of the goods has undergone no change, which is a comfort ! !

"Follow the Drum."

(To those who are married, and to those who are not—yet.)

" *Where* shall we live ? " is our endless contemplation :
Accommodation shortage is the rumour of each station ;
We're told of " quarters " spacious—but seldom such a gem
Has ever been the lot of either Officers or men !
Year in, year out, we're buffetted from pillar unto post,
With cubic feet of baggage—and our chance is but a ghost
To find a roof to cover us, at reasonable rent,
Oh " *Where* shall we live ? " is the topic all are bent !

There are so-called furnished houses—with nothing in to use ;
Then huts of tin, whereon the din of rain makes all abuse !
Then huts of wood, wherein the wind comes rushing through the wall ;
There are " pubs " and " digs," and such-like, that are no darned use at all!
Yet where our destination, and wherever we may roam,
With passive resignation we will designate it " home " ;
We weed and plant our gardens (there is mostly endless scope!),
To reap reward—we're often there not long enough to hope!
We trust the next inhabitants to expedite our powers—
A dower of cheerful optimism certainly is ours!
Whatever folk may say of us in civic population,
They'll never find us specimens of rooted vegetation.
Oh! there're many ups and downs, both for man and for his wife,
But the greatest compensation is—we *do see life!*
And in spite of all our grousing, let none of us forget,
When time is up, we leave behind full rations of regret!

" BYSTANDER."

Report of Overseas League Advisory Committee for the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia.

NOVA SCOTIA has the distinction of being the first colony of the British Commonwealth to obtain representative government, over one hundred and seventy years ago. As a sister province in the Dominion of Canada it is proud of its location by the sea and its nearness to the Mother Country. With the exception of a narrow neck of land uniting Nova Scotia to New Brunswick its shores are entirely bathed in salt water, and there is no part of Nova Scotia more than thirty miles from the sea. The effect of this maritime location is found in the temperate climate. The climatic conditions prevailing along the western side of the province adjoining the Bay of Fundy have made it possible for agriculturists to undertake the most extensive propagation of apples that has been attempted in Canada.

The Annapolis, Cornwallis, and Gaspereaux valleys of Nova Scotia offer to fruit growers exceptional opportunities to display their ability in the production of that " king of fruits." Apples from these valleys have found their way to Great Britain and other overseas markets for several decades. An apple made Annapolis famous.

Situated in the heart of the apple country are the towns of Kentville and Wolfville. Kentville, the shire town of King's County, celebrated its 100th birthday a few years ago, and although its population does not exceed 3,000 people, it is a hive of industry in the distribution of agricultural produce. Kentville is but 72 miles from Halifax, accessible by the Dominion Atlantic Railway or by automobile along one of the fine highways of the province. Seven miles from Kentville along the Halifax highway is the attractive town of Wolfville, with a population of about 2,000, augmented by a considerable student body in attendance at Acadia University. Wolfville overlooks the Minas Basin and enjoys harbour facilities for coast-wise schooners. The two towns of Kentville and Wolfville unite in many undertakings of mutual advantage, and one frequently encounters the title " Ken-Wo " assumed in such enterprises.

Climate.

When one considers that apple production is the main industry of this part of Nova Scotia, for they have been grown here for nearly three hundred years, and nearly 40,000 acres of land are now given over to this crop, then it is realised that climatic conditions are favourable. Seldom does the thermometer go lower than 10 deg. F., and temperatures above 90 deg. F. are rarely recorded by official meteorological observers in this part of the province. Each month brings two or more inches of rainfall, and the calendar year finds approximately 40 inches as the average annual rainfall. January and February are the coldest months with average mean temperatures of about 19 deg. F. July is the warmest month with an average temperature of 65,5 deg. F. The average annual number of hours of sunshine for the year is approximately 1,800. Even in the month of February it is exceptional to have less than 100 hours of sunshine, whereas July brings annually over 200 hours. So much for light, heat and water as provided free of all nominal charge.

Town Life.

Modern conveniences such as electricity, water and sewerage are immediately available to the homes of the town dwellers at very reasonable rates. Cooking by electricity is being done in many homes as economically as by coal or wood. Telephone service is available at moderate rates, and your own radio instrument will bring you a great variety of entertainments if you pay a licence fee of about four shillings.

Heating the homes in the winter is usually done by a central unit—a furnace in the basement of the house. This is also supplemented by fireplaces in certain rooms for those who enjoy a fireside evening. Our natural resources of coal and wood provide ample fuel.

For those desiring more property than a town lot provides (seldom more than one-half acre) the outskirts of the towns offer larger areas.

Electricity and water from the town supply are frequently available in such localities, and a telephone line borders practically every road. Conveniences and facilities for comfortable living are therefore everywhere readily available.

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The services of professional men—medical, dental, legal, and so on—are available in both towns, and hospitals are within easy reach when necessary.

Educational facilities are good. Schools which carry on teaching in all grades, including the preparation of students for University, are found in both towns, and Acadia University is situated at Wolfville, where degrees in arts and science may be obtained in four years' study. Other Universities or Colleges at Halifax, Antigonish and Truro offer courses in arts and the professions.

Churches representing the Church of England, United Church of Canada, Baptist and Roman Catholic are all standing with welcoming hand extended to those who choose to come and join in their activities.

Recreation and Sport.

During summer or winter there are sports of various kinds going on. Summer sports resemble those in any country, except that baseball predominates for the younger members of the family. Golf, tennis, quoits, softball and other activities are in full swing during the summer months; Rugby holds sway in the autumn. In the winter, skating, snow-shoeing, ski-ing, sleighing, and tobogganing call for outdoor life, whereas large enclosed ice rinks open their doors to skaters and to all who like that truly Canadian game of ice-hockey. Taken as a whole, we have sports the year round—inside or outside as weather permits.

Nova Scotia is well known for its fishing and hunting areas. Trout and salmon are the favourites for those experienced with the rod and fly. There are many excellent streams and lakes in the province where followers of Isaac Walton annually become care free for a few days of royal outdoor life. Sea fishing is naturally within easy reach of any part of the province.

Hunting may be enjoyed in a variety of excursions. Wild duck and wild goose shooting may be had within walking distance of Kentville or Wolfville. Partridge, woodcock, snipe, etc., are native to these parts and protected by the game laws of the province. These may be shot during the "open season" each year. Big game, moose, and deer are the objects of many game seekers in this province, and the hunting of these offer plenty of opportunity for some real outdoor life and sport. Wild cats and bears are occasionally obtained by some of the more experienced hunters. As an outdoor playground for the hunter and fisherman, Nova Scotia is hard to beat. Sportsmen are now attracted from hundreds of miles to her woods and streams.

Cost of Living.

For those who raise their own vegetables and some or all of their own fruit, the meat and grocery bill for a family of five will vary from 30 dollars to 50 dollars per month. If chickens are kept the egg and meat bill may be lowered a little. If one of more cows are native to the estate these will also help lower the food bill proportionately.

Taxes are comparatively low. The average town residence with all conveniences pays annual taxes amounting to between one and two per cent. of its actual value. This means that private ownership prevails. All lands are freehold. Houses may also be rented by those who want to spend a little time looking things over before they buy. Rents for 6– 8 roomed houses, with all conveniences, vary from 25 dollars to 40 dollars per month, depending on the location and condition of the property.

Business Opportunities.

Farming.—If a person wishes to try to make a living from the soil, there is no better place than this part of Nova Scotia to start and finish. There are a variety of soils available that will support vegetation varying from extensive hay crops to intensive fruit and garden plantings. We are not going to give a detailed resumé of agriculture in this brief, for there are several official agencies in Great Britain which already have this information available for those who seek it. There are, however, some good opportunities in small farm holdings where one may go into the culture of vegetables and small fruits. Asparagus, raspberries, currants, are not plentiful in these parts, but can be raised intensively with splendid profits. There is annually a greater demand for these than the present production can supply.

Fruit growing is the main field of agriculture locally. Many good farms are on the market each year for those who know the game and are prepared to tackle it. But one should know the game before he starts, as a few mistakes in a season may mean considerable loss of revenue. The successful apple grower is the one who has thoroughly studied his business, mastered it as far as possible, and then entered it intensively. It is a specialist's business. The small-holding man must depend on something besides apples for a revenue; but, if he wishes to eventually enter the apple industry this is a good method of learning some of its difficulties.

Stock and poultry farms are also plentiful in these parts, and there is always room for a few more "cackleberries," or a few additional pounds of butter fat on local markets.

Fur Farming.—Here is a branch of native industry that is attracting a number of people. Silver foxes are the prominent animals in the propagation pens. Other fur bearers are also becoming popular in some parts of the province. Rabbits, especially Chinchillas and Angoras, occupy the time of some enthusiasts and are bringing profit to their owners. Any of these animals are interesting, and their propagation should make a good hobby or even business for anyone specially interested.

There are many other business opportunities open. Lumbering, hydro-electricity, mining, and so on, are going on continuously. The related industries of these developments offer plenty of opportunity to the skilled man. A country of this size and population is far from that stage of over-development which is found in densely populated areas.

Agricultural Assistance.

Situated at Kentville is the Federal Experimental Station where agricultural specialists are employed studying the problems of that industry. Here will be found areas devoted to the production of the major crops of the province as well as live stock and poultry. The farm is open to the public and information is given freely to those who visit. Here also is a Laboratory of Plant Pathology where investigations are being made on the control of the diseases of agricultural crops.

Extension men are employed by the provincial government. These men are always at your service and are ready to visit you and give such assistance as they are able.

Anyone contemplating settlement in Nova Scotia or any other Dominion or Colony should avail themselves of the free information which can be obtained at the Overseas League Migration Bureau, 4, Park place, St. James's Street, London, S.W. 1. Contact can be established with residents in the country selected, and letters of introduction obtained before sailing.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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DEATH.

HAMILTON.—On 27th November, 1929, suddenly, at King Edward VII.'s Hospital, Christopher Edward Hamilton, Captain, 5th Fusiliers, son of the Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Hamilton, aged 34.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR ARMY—CAVALRY.

10th Hussars.—Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen, from Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Lieutenant (dated 27th November, 1929).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., on completion of his period of service in command, is placed on the Half-pay List (dated 23rd November, 1929); Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 23rd November, 1929).

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The King has conferred the Territorial Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers, under the terms of the Royal Warrant (dated 13th October, 1929):—

5th Bn.—Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C.

7th Bn.—Major F. B. Cowen, M.C.

TERRITORIAL ARMY—OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Royal Grammar School (Newcastle-on-Tyne) Contingent, Junior Division—Capt. (Brevet-Major) P. Challons, T.D., late 5th Fusiliers, resigns his commission and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 30th November, 1929).

ARMY ALLIANCES.

The King has approved of the following alliance:—

The Elgin Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, to The Northumberland Fusiliers.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

November, 1929.

THE month of November is shadowed by one event that eclipses all others; that event is the departure of Col. Herbert. This being so, these notes will end on this theme, on the principle of leaving the big event to the last.

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There is little else to record. The usual drafts are being prepared; the usual transfers to Headquarters Wing, and "Z" (M.G.) Company have taken place, thus depleting the rifle companies very considerably and rather more than usual.

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Football and hockey are going strong; and we defeated the 2nd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment in a replay by seven goals to one, in the 2nd Round of the Army Association Football Cup. Full accounts will be found elsewhere.

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In the Command Cookery Competition we only secured second place, being beaten by the 2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment. We won last year, but it is not good to win always, and this year's result should give us a fillip which we hope will take us into first place once again next year.

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Lieut.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., assumed command of the Battalion on the 23rd November. We all wish him a happy and successful period of command.

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Col. Herbert was the guest of the Officers at dinner on the 21st November. Over and above the Officers actually serving with the 1st Battalion the following were also present:—Capt. Hamilton, Capt. Newstead, Capt. Lindsay and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt.

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These farewell dinners are sad affairs and the writer won't stress the sadness by a full account of it.

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A certain number of Officers while away the intervals between work by hunting and shooting, but most of us long for the old Irish days in these connections.

The Annual Inspection by the G.O.C., West Riding Area (Major-Gen. N. J. G. Cameron, C.B., C.M.G.), on the 25th October, went off, we have good reason to believe, very satisfactorily. It was quite a quiet, nice inspection. No trembling Officer was hauled forth to drill the Battalion, neither were we bombarded with questions on interior economy, etc. The G.O.C. came, he saw, he went.

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Our new Brigadier (Brigadier O. E. Heathcote, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) was also present, and we hope he was impressed. We came into the 15th Infantry Brigade this month.

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The study of the Loos battles is the subject for perusal this winter; and Syndicate Commanders are racking their brains in the concoction of agendas. It has always struck the writer that a good long tactical exercise, covering a period of about six weeks and with a continuous narrative, would be more instructive. Some of the exercise out of doors, some indoors, embracing everything from fighting to message writing, from march tables and ammunition supply, from tanks to aircraft. But what strikes the writer is of no importance; his views having the only advantage of padding these notes—poor padding at that.

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Fog and rain are our lot once again, and some of us are impatiently awaiting the opportunity for the annual migration to Switzerland. The plutocrats amongst us, that is. The others must be content with the southern counties of England, and a few hardy Northerners will away to even bleaker regions further towards the Artic Circle.

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The month of November marks one more phrase in the history of the Regiment—for all of us, a sad one. One more Commanding Officer completes his tenure of command. By the time these notes are in print, Col. Herbert will have left us.

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It is usual on these occasions to write some pœon of praise—a most difficult thing to do, at any rate the present writer finds it so.

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One is torn between what might appear to be a fulsome eulogy and stereotyped praise. Such wording as "it would take an abler pen than mine," etc., or, "a fine Commander and a great friend." This kind of thing is written about all Commanding Officers on their departure, and is often read quickly and forgotten, the ever present blotting out of the past sort of thing.

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Col. Herbert deserves more than this in these notes, even if only to place on record what we, of the 1st Battalion, thought of our Commanding Officer in the years 1925—9, so that those who come after may read and gain some little idea; Col. Herbert is not a man to be dismissed with a few odd sentences.

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This is where the writer of these notes finds difficulty—to adequately express in writing our thoughts of him.

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When Col. Hardman Jones gave up command, Col. Herbert said his departure marked the end of a generation; that of the Officers who joined prior to the South African War.

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Col. Herbert very nearly belonged to that generation, as he joined during the war in 1900. His regimental career is representative of the history of the Regiment during the last 29 years, after serving with the 2nd Battalion in South Africa and later at Gravesend. He then did a tour in West Africa, taking part in the Hadeja operations, rejoining the 2nd Battalion for a further period, and in 1908 was posted to this Battalion for the first time.

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The outbreak of the Great War found him as Adjutant of the Battalion. His services during this war are fresh in the memory of a great many of us.

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Going to France as Adjutant in 1914, he was successively Brigade Major, C.O. of this Battalion, and Brigade Commander. Most of the time in the front line, his war record was second to none.

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Three times wounded, five times mentioned in despatches, and awarded the C.M.G. and D.S.O. and bar.

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After the war he spent a year at the Staff College and then to the 2nd Battalion, which he joined in time to gain the Iraq medal and then was on the Staff in India for four years.

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He again joined this Battalion as Second-in-Command to Col. Hardman Jones and four years ago assumed command.

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During this period the Battalion has successfully passed the various forms of tests provided by higher authority to test its efficiency. It has excelled at games. It has been happy.

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These three things together could not be unless Col. Herbert had the gift of command. One of the secrets of Col. Herbert's success is that he has always found some good in everyone, and whatever their capabilities or talents, has always fitted the square peg in the square hole.

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The writer knows he is right in saying that each one of us felt he would never wittingly let him down, that each one of us had complete confidence in any decision he would make, that if any one of us were in trouble, he would weigh everything in a perfect balance and would help one out of it if it were humanly possible. What more can be said of any man?

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We are all more than sorry Col. Herbert has left us. Knowing his great love for the Regiment in general and the Battalion in particular, we know he also is more than sorry and we can only wish him the very best of luck, and we feel sure he will be promoted shortly to higher rank, which may be a little consolation to both him and us.

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In Mrs. Herbert we lose another great friend who has worked side by side with Col. Herbert for the good of the Battalion.

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She has never spared herself; often, we feel, she has tried her strength too much. Always cheerful, never complaining, she will be greatly missed.

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To her also we wish the very best of luck,

They both left us at 9 a.m. on Friday, the 23rd November. Col. Herbert left his house at a few minutes to nine and the Band and Drums played him to the gate through a line of cheering soldiers, who fell in behind him as he passed. Col. Herbert stopped at the Regimental Guard (this Guard was composed of Sjt. Haddon, Lce.-Cpl. Knapp, Fus. Duyer, Fus. Mulligan, Fus. Crosby and Drmr. McIntosh and their combined service totalled 131 years) for a few moments, then passed through the gate, entered his car, joined his wife and was gone.

Football.

1st Team Notes.

We have played three matches this month in the Saturday League, one at home and two away. Each match has resulted in a win for us.

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Position in League Table to date :—

Top in League of 13.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Ag'st.	Points
10	8	2	0	53	19	16

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Results of Matches.

On 26th October, 1929, we met and defeated Dringhouses, on their own ground, by 5 goals to 1. Losing the toss, we kicked off with the wind against us. After 23 minutes, Hughes scored from a centre from Bell. Dringhouses, before we had settled down, ran straight through and scored one minute after. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 1, Drinkhouses 1. On the resumption, with the wind in our favour, we had things our own way, and after Scanlan had scored from a penalty, Bell scored three goals in quick succession.

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On 2nd November, 1929, we met and defeated Malton Town at home by 6 goals to 0. We had Stobbart for E. Charlton and Caldwell for Bell, both Charlton and Bell being away playing for the Army on this date. Losing the toss, we kicked off. There was not very much advantage in the choice of ends, and in six minutes Kellet scored a good goal on the run, from the wing. Ten minutes later Stobbart walked the ball into the net. Kellet added another, as did Scanlon, who scored two minutes later. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 4, Walton 0. In the second half Caldwell, after 14 minutes, and Hughes in the last minute added further goals for the FIFTH.

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On 9th November, 1929, we met and defeated New Earswick on their own ground, by 8 goals to 2. Losing the toss, we kicked off. Scanlon scored in three minutes. This player added another in six minutes. This was followed by Hughes scoring in 20 minutes, and (hush!) E. Charlton scored after dribbling the ball from the half-way line. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 4, New Earswick 0. On resuming, Hughes scored in three minutes. Three minutes after, New Earswick scored through their left winger. Hughes, Bell and Scanlon added further goals, and New Earswick added their second goal in the closing stages.

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Cup Tie News.

It will be remembered that we beat the Depôt Bn. Royal Corps of Signals, at Catterick, by 5 goals to 2 in the first round

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of the Army Cup, and we were drawn against the 2nd Bn. East Lancashire Regiment in the second round, on our own ground, the match to be played by the 10th of November. Owing to various engagements having to be fulfilled by both teams, it was not possible to play this game until the last day allowed for its completion.

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Team :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton. Cpl. Bell (*capt.*)
Fus. Kellet. Cpl. Scanlon. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Drmr. Caldwell.

Reserves—Fus. Postle and Lce.-Cpl. Dryden.

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The opening exchanges favoured our side, and a free kick gave Kellet an opening which he failed to improve. Caldwell, Scanlon and Hughes were prominent, but could not find the net. Offside spoilt several good moves on our part, our forwards not watching the tactics of the opposing backs enough. The East Lancs. had an occasional breakaway, and scored the opening goal in 15 minutes, through their left winger; our defence was defending well, and was also feeding the forwards nicely, but the forwards could not finish off properly. Play was penned in the East Lancs. half, but a number of corners in our favour proved fruitless. Caldwell, playing the best football he has shown whilst wearing our colours, scored a fine goal after 29 minutes. Straight from the kick-off, the East Lancs. added a second goal within one minute. This the goalie should have saved quite easily, but he appeared to be a bundle of nerves. Half-time—East Lancs. 2, 5th Fusiliers 1.

On the resumption, we attacked and continued to attack throughout the second half; we were awarded a penalty for hands—this Scanlon scored from. This goal put more life into both teams, who tried to score a deciding goal. Result—Drawn game, 2—2. Extra time could not be played owing to the light failing.

This match we should have won. We were far the better team, but our forwards could not finish off in their usual manner. Our goalie was off form, and but for the penalty in the second half we should have had to bow to a team that was not quite as good as our own.

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On Wednesday, 20th, we journeyed to Catterick to meet the East Lancs, in the re-play. One hundred and sixteen supporters left York, full of faith and hope. These supporters were satisfied, I am quite sure, as to the result of their support. Winning the toss, we forced two corners in quick succession, which proved fruitless. The exchanges were very fast for the first 25 minutes of the game; the FIFTH, playing sparkling football, scored through Caldwell, who sent in a shot similar to the one he had scored from in the previous match, in 22 minutes. Hughes added another from a centre from Kellet three minutes after; Caldwell scored again in 32 minutes. The East Lancs, scored their only goal of the match, from a free kick after 38 minutes of the first half, through their inside-right. Kellet, one minute after, running through, added another for the FIFTH. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 4, East Lancs. 1.

On resuming, Hughes scored a fine goal from Caldwell's centre, after only one minute had elapsed in the second half. Scanlon scored a further goal for the FIFTH, after a brilliant solo effort in nine minutes. Kellet added another three minutes after, from the wing. Result :—5th Fusiliers 7, East Lancs. 1.

There can be no doubt as to who was the better team on the play, as what our forwards could not do on Saturday last they made up for in this match. Craig played a good game, whilst Caldwell, Kellet, E. Charlton, and Hughes deserve special mention in the order named. The whole team played as a team should do, and are to be congratulated heartily on the result.

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We are drawn against the Prince of Wales' Volunteers in the next round, at home, the match to be played on or before 7th December.

Army Notes.

The Army have played three matches in the last month, and we have been represented by Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton and Cpl. Bell (centre-half and left-half respectively). On the 30th October, 1929, they played against the Civil Services. The match resulting in a win for the Army by 6 goals to 3. The *Morning Post*, in their report of the match, in their issue of the 31st, stated: "The half-backs played very confidently under pressure, whilst the quickness in tackling, and smartness in intercepting passes, of Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, the Army centre-half, also had a lot to do with the moderate form of the Service forwards."

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On 2nd November, 1929, the Army met and were defeated by Oxford University by 5 goals to 4. We were again represented by Bell and Charlton. In this match Charlton scored a goal for the Army.

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On the 6th November, 1929, the Army played Aston Villa, and were defeated by 5 goals to 0. This was no reflection really on the Army team, who do not have the chance to play together as do the professionals. In this match Bell wanted his name mentioned, so not being able to score for the Army he scored for Aston Villa by putting through his own goal. (In twenty years time, when Bell is relating his experiences to his children, he will be able to say he scored for a First Division team).

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Friendly Match.

On 13th November, 1929, we journeyed to Sheffield to meet the Sheffield University in a friendly game. We were without Bell and Charlton, who were both away playing for the Army, their places being taken by Caldwell and Babington. The University had the better of the opening exchanges, but when our team had settled down, Hughes and Scanlon scored in quick succession. Shortly before half-time the University scored after a breakaway, Allinson netting after Craig had tried to punch clear and missed the ball. Half-time :—5th Fusiliers, 2; University, 1. In the second half the FIFTH had things their own way, Caldwell scoring a good goal on the run, while later, Scanlon added a fourth goal for the FIFTH. Result :—5th Fusiliers, 4; Sheffield University, 1. In the following day's issue of the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*, Fus. Dennison received special mention, the paper saying: "Dennison, their little left-back, played an excellent game."

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We thank the Sheffield University for the excellent game, and also for the way they looked after us. We also should like to thank the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* for the many nice

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things they said about us and the game, the last sentence reading as under :—

"The game was played in the best amateur spirit, and was a credit to both sides."

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Goal Scorers to date :—

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes	25
Cpl. Scanlon	25
Cpl. Bell	6
Fus. Kellett	5
Drmr. Caldwell	5
Fus. Young	3
Lce.-Cpl. Charlton	1
Cpl. Stobbart	1
(14 in Cup-ties)	71

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We regret to announce the loss to the team, of Fus. Kellet, who has left us for the Army Reserve. He has represented the Battalion for the last six seasons in the outside-right position, except for three or four matches at outside-left. This player, being able to kick with either foot, has been a great asset to the team, and he will be missed for some time to come. We wish him the best of luck in his new surroundings, and hope that his football will not suffer by his not being able to play for some team.

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2nd Team Notes.

There is not very much to record this month, the team only playing two matches, one in the League and the other in the 2nd Round of the Local Charity Cup.

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Position in League Table is as follows :—

3rd in League of 9.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Ag'st.	Points.
4	3	1	0	15	6	6

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Team doing duty :—

Fus. Gofton.
Fus. Arthurs. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson.
Lce.-Cpl. Dunn. Lce.-Cpl. Babington. Lce.-Cpl. Dryden.
Bdsmn. Walsh. Fus. Malcolm. Fus. Postle. Fus. Gregory.
Fus. Nicholson.
Reserves.—Fus. Boyd. Lce.-Cpl. Usher.

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On 23rd of last month we met and defeated Ripon City Wednesday by two goals to one on our own ground. Postle scoring both our goals. In the first half we were awarded a penalty, this Postle failed to score from ; in the second half we were awarded a further penalty, this was taken by Babington—he failing to score also.

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On the 30th we met and were defeated by the Co-operative Team on their own ground, by four goals to one. In the 2nd Round of the Local Charity Cup. Our team did not come up to standard, and we were beaten by a better side on the afternoon's play. Babington scored our only goal from a penalty.

Goal Scorers to date :—

Postle	10
Malcolm	7
Gregory	2
Babington	2
Pennock	1
E. Charlton	1
(5 in Cup Ties)	23

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League placings up to and including 16th November, 1929 :—
1st Team :—

YORK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Ag'st.	Points
North'd. Fusiliers ..	10	8	2	0	53	19	16
Rowntree's	9	8	1	0	30	11	16
Knaresborough ..	8	6	1	1	46	12	13
Ripon City ..	10	5	3	2	27	30	12
St. Lawrence W.M.C.	10	5	4	1	29	26	11
Selby O.C.O. ..	10	4	6	0	17	25	8
L.N.E.R. Perm. W.	8	4	4	0	38	18	8
St. Clement's ..	10	3	5	2	18	31	8
Thirsk	9	3	4	2	25	30	8
Dringhouses ..	9	3	4	2	15	24	8
Fishergate Old Boys	8	2	4	2	19	26	6
New Earswick ..	11	1	8	2	23	51	4
Malton Town ..	9	2	7	0	18	43	4

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2nd Team :—

YORK HALF-HOLIDAY LEAGUE.

Division I.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Ag'st.	Points
Depôt West Yorks. A.	6	6	0	0	42	9	12
Co-operative Employees	8	3	2	3	19	19	9
York Wednesday ..	4	4	0	0	12	5	8
North'd Fus. ..	4	3	1	0	18	6	6
Inniskilling Drag. G.	4	2	1	1	17	10	5
Depôt West Yorks. B.	6	2	4	0	14	28	4
Ripon Wednesday ..	5	1	3	1	10	18	3
Post Office	6	1	4	1	11	27	3
Military Hospital ..	7	0	7	0	10	32	0

Hockey.

The Battalion has not entered for the Army Cup this year, but quite a number of local fixtures have been arranged with a view to building up a team for next year.

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The following is the result of games played up-to-date :—

v. York Banks. Won, 6—0.
v. Southland Hockey Club. Won, 2—0.
v. Old Haughtonians. Won, 2—1.
v. York Banks. Won, 6—0.
Goals for, 16 ; against, 1.

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Serjeants' Mess.

Our Billiard Handicap has at last drawn to a conclusion. As was more or less expected, the small fry went out in the various rounds. C.S.M. Clarke and Drum-Major Hebbron fought their way into the Final and resulted in a win for the Drum-Major by a score of 200 against C.S.M. Clarke's 198. A very close game.

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We are now concerned with who will win the Billiard Cup. A few games have been decided, but will wait until next month for the final scores.

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Our monthly Whist Drive and Dance took place on the 8th instant, and again a very enjoyable evening was spent, the prize-winners being :—

LADIES.		GENTS.	
1st—Mrs. Holdsworth ..	171	Sjt. Barber, R.A.O.C.	173
2nd—Mrs. Close ..	170	Mrs. Young	170
3rd—Mrs. Oglesvie ..	169	Mrs. Forbes	169
Booby—Mrs. Reeves ..	135	R.Q.M.S. Capstaffe ..	138

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We wish to thank Mrs. Rowsell for presenting the prizes and also presenting the billiard cue to Drum-Major Hebbron.

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Sjt. Kirby has returned from a Vocational Training Course, and we were sorry to hear he had been in hospital for the purpose of having his appendix removed, which no doubt accounts for the lack of strength in his voice, which has been very noticeable at the football matches.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Brown (attd. to R.M.C.) on obtaining his First Class Certificate of Education. Also to C.S.M. Clarke and ex-Sjt. P. Cole on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. May they both live long to wear it.

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On the 7th instant the Commanding Officer held a Tactical Exercise without troops round Tadcaster and district. All the C.S.M.'s were present, and Bill scored one with not forgetting the rum issue in one question. Probably the fact of being in close proximity to the breweries, brought the thought to his head.

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On the 20th instant a party went to Catterick to see our football team play the East Lancs. Regt. in the 2nd Round of the Army Cup. After seeing a very good game, which we won by seven goals to one, we wended our way to the Mess of the East Lancs., where a very jolly evening was spent.

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We thank the members of the East Lancs. Mess for the kind hospitality shown in providing dinners and teas and the entertainment in the evening. Poor Desmond was often caught "Under the spreading chestnut tree."

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Lieut.-Col. Herbert met all members of the Mess on the 21st instant to give a farewell speech. We are all sorry to lose him and trust it will not be long before we see him again. Our best wishes to Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Herbert on their new venture.

After the speech, in which he thanked all members for the support given to him during his term of office (which we thought a very nice way of moving the credit from his own shoulders), he challenged the R.S.M. to a game of billiards. The luck of the R.S.M. was abnormal, and even with the help of the marker (C.Q.M.S. Bramley) the C.O. had to retire beaten.

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On the 22nd instant a billiard match was played against the York Conservative Club, when some very close games were played, as the scores will show :—

CONSERVATIVE CLUB.		SERJEANTS' MESS.	
Mr. Greaves	100	Sjt. Swain	98
Mr. Codling	100	Sjt. Bell	97
Mr. Sowden	64	C.S.M. Clarke	100
Mr. Watson	100	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	79
Mr. J. Fenney	45	Sjt. Hobbs	100
Mr. T. Johnson	100	Sjt. Babington ..	51
Total ..	509	Total ..	525

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Although the Conservative Club won four out of the six games the Mess were triumphant in the aggregate. We understand that a return match is to be played in the near future on the Conservative Club's table, and they hope to reverse the result.

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The launching of the R.100 is now the one topic of conversation. By the time these notes are in print, and weather permitting, we will have done our bit in launching it. At present rumour has it that we move off from York to Howden in the "wee sma' hours" of the 25th, to draw the airship from its shed. We will have to keep a flashlight handy so that "Staker" does not get lost in the crush. He is wanted as anchor man.

Corporals' Mess.

Many of the members are at present undergoing a course of instruction, under the Training Cadre, who are teaching them how to come into blossom as Musketry Instructors and Section Leaders. This probably explains the frenzied mutterings one can hear, of what happens when the bolt lever is raised, etc., etc.

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Lce.-Cpl. Stockton was selected to box an opponent at Scarborough on the 20th of November, presumed to be a "Big Noise" in the Glamorgan Police. We are pleased to say "Bill" made a small noise of him by beating him on points, thus keeping his own and the FIFTH's reputation well to the fore.

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He was awarded a handsome Silver Cup for the contest.

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Our two favourite footballers, Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, have been adding more honours to their laurels by playing three times for the Army this season, against Aston Villa, Cambridge, and the Civil Service. More power to their elbow.

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The Corporals' second string played the Serjeants' second

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string at billiards on the latter's ground, and amid much rejoicing the Corporals came away the victors.

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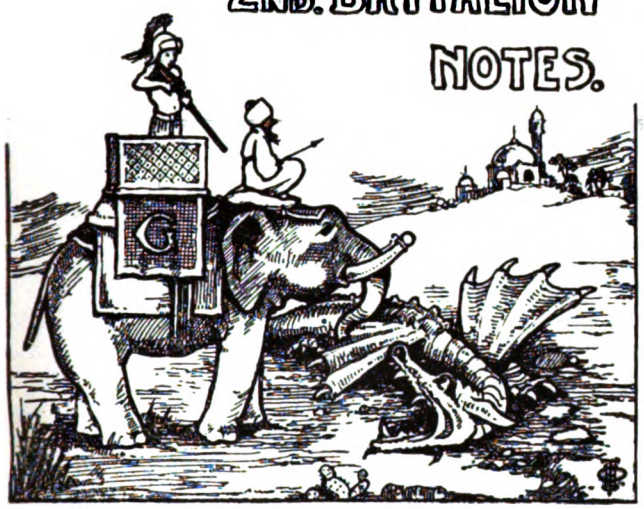
Colonel Herbert met all members in the Club on the 21st to bid us all good-bye on his retirement from the Command of the Battalion. His words were few, but will be remembered by all those present. We wish both Mrs. Herbert and him the very best of luck in their new sphere of life, and that wherever they may be "May the best day they ever had be the worst they will ever have."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Dagshai,
October, 1929.

OCTOBER has seen a great change to the face of the Battalion, a change which is still going on. The outstanding event has been the departure of Col. S. H. Kershaw, on completion of his four years' command and the arrival of Col. Foster.

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Almost the saddest moment in the life of a soldier is that in which, after long years of service in war and peace in many parts of the world, he leaves his Regiment—the Regiment he joined in fear and trembling, regarding it as a monstrous machine that might tear and rend him. Then, learning that it is not a machine at all, but a very human thing in which he has a living part, a part growing yearly more responsible until the final honour and happiness of commanding one of its Battalions.

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For us, who have served under Col. Kershaw for the last four years and for those who have known him for many years before that, it was a sad business saying good-bye. Col. Foster took over Command on 8th October, and the same evening Col. Kershaw dined with his Officers. The time-honoured gallop home in assorted traps and carriages had, on account of the tar-mac roads and shortage of horse transport, to be replaced by a high speed event in cars, the drivers of which received considerable encouragement to further assaults on the gas, by reason of showers of Verey lights from behind. However, the good fairy who protects the reckless and entraps the wary, played up, and the following day there was a full muster at the station to see Col. Kershaw off.

Another event which in any other month would have been

CHAMPION SHOT OF BOYS, 1929
4264722 BOY H. BROOKS.
(Marksman, Trained Soldiers' Table "B," India, 1929/30.)

the outstanding feature, was the departure of Major Booth to take over Command of the 1st Battalion after nearly two years as Second-in-Command of this Battalion. Major and Mrs. Booth left Lahore on 7th October to pay a visit to Delhi

BOYS' SHOOTING TEAM—DAGSHAI, 1929.

Standing (*Right to left*).—Boy Nesbitt, Boy Sanctuary, Boy Palmer, Boy Fox, Boy Bridgewater, Boy Bowles.
Sitting.—Boy Gibson, Boy Lowe, Major R. M. St. John Booth, D.S.O. C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M. (Coach), Boy Whittle, Boy Bartrop.
On Ground.— Boy Brooks.

and Agra before leaving India; and there was a large gathering of Officers and other friends at the station to see them off.

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The platform almost resembled a flower show, both their carriage and their persons being almost concealed by garlands.

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Capt. Cooper, *en route* for the Depôt, and Mr. Tarleton to the 1st Battalion, left the same day; the former to take over the duties of Ships Adjutant, and the latter to pick up a draft at Meerut. To both we wish *bon voyage* and the best of fortune. Capt. Cooper has served over nine years and Mr. Tarleton over seven years continuously in the East, and both have earned a spell in England, though we suspect that the "call of the East," now scarcely audible, will come to life again in a year or two.

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Yet another departure is that of Capt. Waight, who went to Calcutta on 24th October as Staff Captain, Vocational Training, Northern and Eastern Commands. Capt. Waight will be going back to familiar surroundings in Calcutta, having served there on the Staff of General Cubitt in 1922.

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Our list of departures concludes with that of Mr. Walton, I.A.U.L., on completion of his year's attachment. He went to Razmak to join the 4th Gurkhas, and we wish him the best of fortune in his future career and hope that his year with the FIFTH will always be a happy memory to him.

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As mentioned above, Col. Foster arrived on 8th October, and the few Officers, N.C.O.'s and men who had served with him from Mosul to Nowshera and the many who had served with him for a part of this period, were very glad to see him looking as fit and active as ever. The writer can, from personal experience, vouch for the fact that even in the short time since his return, Col. Foster has been up at 4 a.m., driven thirty miles before dawn and shot duck and snipe all day on several occasions and not turned a hair. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Foster and hope that she will enjoy her stay in India.

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Mr. Leech arrived back from leave in England on 21st October and is being closely followed by Major Critchley-Salmonson and Capt. and Mrs. Hogshaw, Capt. Hamilton, Messrs. Humphreys, Bolster, Foster and Bradford, some of whom are already on the high seas. Mr. Hesketh, I.A.U.L., joined during the month for his year's attachment before going to the Indian Army, and we hope that his stay will be both pleasant and a sound foundation for a career which, with the future of India in the Melting Pot, promises to be both arduous and exacting.

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Battalion Headquarters came down from Dagshai on 1st October and were followed on the 12th by the Band, which is engaged to play at the Club three times a week during the winter. On two evenings the dance band plays and on the third night the string orchestra. The band has been given the contract for Simla next summer and the practice obtained in Lahore should be very valuable training. The remainder of the Detachment leaves Dagshai on 1st November.

"C" COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

Sjt. Chapman, Fus. Nichol, Fus. Rollo, Cpl. Wilkinson, Lce.-Cpl. Hogg, Fus. Hewitson, Fus. Johnston, Fus. Whitchurch, Lce.-Cpl. Cooke, Lce.-Cpl. Scott, Lce.-Cpl. Ramsay, Fus. Inganni, Fus. Kitson, Fus. Shepherd, Fus. Herring, Sjt. Wood, Fus. Cole, Lce.-Cpl. Harrop, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor.

Fus. Adams, Fus. Buttery, Fus. Conroy, 2nd-Lieut. Beyts, Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, C.S.M. Larkman, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, Fus. Hood, Fus. Ellen, Fus. Marston.

Fus. Cleveland, Fus. Gregory. Fus. Bourne, Fus. Taylor.

A draft of 49 N.C.O.'s and men left the Battalion on 19th October for England by the hired transport *Somersetshire*, ex-Bombay, and a second draft of 37 N.C.O.'s and men sail from Karachi on 9th November by H.T. *Nevasa* for Southampton. This draft includes Sjt. Earl, on completion of his service, and C.Q.M.S. Avison and Sjt. Frayne, proceeding to the Depôt.

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The Boys held their Annual Prize Shoot on the Classification Range at Dagshai on the 14th September. The Commanding Officer, Major Booth, was present to witness some very good shooting and keen competition in the shoots-off.

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There were seven Boys firing for the first time and four old Boys who had competed in previous years. It was decided to devide the meeting into two classes, as below.

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From the scores appended it will be seen that the standard of former years has been well maintained. The Boys only had one week preliminary training prior to a fortnight's practice on the Classification Range.

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From the results obtained it is evident that in this short period a good deal of real live interest and concentration was shown, and it is a credit to their keenness and ability that with no really long preparation they should attain such a satisfactory standard.

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The average at 200 Yards and Snapshooting were very good indeed, but the wind spoilt what might have been a good average at 300 Yards.

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The average of 13 by the old Boys at this range was good.

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Boy Bowles, firing for the first time, scored 48 out of a possible 55 points, also worthy of commendation. In all three practices he had to shoot off for a place, but curiously enough he failed each time and his fine score went unrewarded. Boy Brooks, the 1927 champion, scored four bulls and one inner at 200 Yards without a rest, and his score of 17 at 300 Yards was a fine effort.

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A strong wind was blowing at 300 Yards which made the conditions difficult at this range. No wind had previously been experienced on the range during the fortnight's practice. Under the circumstances, as the Boys had had no real opportunity of practice in aiming off, the scores obtained at 300 Yards are very creditable.

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The final scores will show that at least three of the new Boys and two of the old Boys reached Marksman's standard—others were very close up :—

Group B.	Prac. 1. (20)	Prac. 2. (15)	Prac. 3. (20)	Total. (55)
Boy Bowles ..	18	15	15	48
Boy Lowe	17	12	12	41
Boy Nesbitt ..	14	12	12	38
Boy Fox	14	9	12	35
Boy Whittle ..	16	12	6	34
Boy Gibson ..	17	15	1	33
Boy Bridgewater ..	18	6	6	30
Averages ..	16.3	11.6	9.1	37.
Croup A.				
Boy Brooks ..	19	3	17	39
Boy Palmer.. ..	11	12	15	38
Boy Sanctuary ..	16	12	6	34
Boy Bartrop ..	5	9	14	28
Averages ..	12.75	9.	13.	34.75

"B" Company.

Birdwood Barracks.

We changed over with "A" Company at the end of July on the Mid-Summer Relief. The pleasure in change of stations was, I think, mutual; "A" Company to get a smell of the cool air at Dagshai and "B" Company is to occupy the finest barracks in India, or, at least, the finest we have struck.

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The barracks are excellent in every way, the sports grounds in particular, being ideal, this should result in an improved standard in all games through more men playing, and also playing oftener.

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Our first serious business after we settled down and practiced every conceivable and inconceivable kind of alarm, was Weapon Training; and we tabulate the final classification of all parties to date :—

	No. of firers.	M.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Aver.
Table "B" ..	76	20	31	24	1	76
Table "L" ..	36	–	30	6	–	126
Revolver ..	11	–	Q.11	–	–	–

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At one time the range was reminiscent of Dinapore days—

BIRDWOOD BARRACKS—OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

the firing points only being visible above the water. We took some snaps, but, unfortunately, they were not good enough to print.

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Our efforts in the realm of sport have been quite praiseworthy; we have played teams ranging from Rajah's sons to Borstalians (the Lahore jail is quite close), the result being as follows :—

HOCKEY.	FOOTBALL.
"B" Coy., 3 *v.* Lahore Jail, 0.	"B" Coy., 2 *v.* R.A.F., 1.
"B" Coy., 5 *v.* Isamlia Coll., 0.	"B" Coy., 2 *v.* Artillery, 1.
"B" Coy., 2 *v.* R.T.C., 3.	"B" Coy., 4 *v.* Artillery, 2.

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We have had a series of very popular dances, being visited on different occasions by our C.O., Lieut.-Col. Kershaw, D.S.O. (who is officiating Lahore Area Brigade Commander), Brigadier Wilson-Johnston (Officiating Lahore District Commander) and Brigadier Sandilands, who had called to see us on his way to Peshawar, where he is taking over the Peshawar Brigade

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Our Band is composed of entirely local talent, their syncopation is really fine ; rumour has it that Mr. Steffen is becoming quite jealous—however, rumour is just, well—rumour.

BIRDWOOD BARRACKS.

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The financial side of these dances has been good, enabling us to replenish our games kit, which is now in excellent condition.

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The Football and Hockey events for the Platoon Championship have just been completed. The results are as follows :—

FOOTBALL.

5 Platoon 6 Platoon	5 Platoon	8 Platoon
7 Platoon 8 Platoon	8 Platoon	

HOCKEY.

5 Platoon 6 Platoon	6 Platoon, after replay	7 Platoon, after replay
7 Platoon 8 Platoon	7 Platoon	

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The replay of the Final of the Hockey Tournament was quite an excellent game in every way. The winning goal was scored two minutes from the end by Fus. Throssell.

BIRDWOOD BARRACKS—GUARD CHANGING.

Lahore during September is considered the mosquitoe's paradise ; however, due to an extensive campaign of tucking in nets and using Bamber oil, etc., we have kept Malaria more or less at bay, our casualties to date being two only. Sandfly fever has ravaged us quite a deal ; mosquito nets, unfortunately, are not ideal protection against the latter pest.

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Our stay at Birdwood is not protracted, as we leave on 1st December just prior to going to Company Camp at Kasur—some delectable spot about forty miles distant. However, up to the present we are enjoying our stay at Birdwood immensely, even though it has been brief.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
23rd November, 1929.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from the following :—Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, General W. H. Sitwell, Capt. W. Myers, Mr. F. H. Butterfield, Capt. R. C. P. James (R.E.), and Major and Mrs. St. John Booth.

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Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depôt on the 25th October.

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Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command, carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depôt on 21st November. He was accompanied by Major-General Sir Reginald S. May, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

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Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., paid us a farewell visit on the 8th November. We offer our sincere good wishes for the future to Colonel and Mrs. Herbert, and hope that they will always visit us at the Depôt whenever they are in these parts again.

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The Privates of the 68th Depôt held their Annual Inkerman Ball on the 5th November, and the Serjeants' Ball was held on the 8th November. Needless to say, all those members of the Depôt who were present at these functions thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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We welcome Capt. C. H. Cooper, who has arrived in relief of Captain Hogshaw.

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Capt. Cooper, Capt. Maynard, and Mr. Collingwood are now on leave. Major Chenevix-Trench and Mr. Clarke have returned from leave. There is hardly a member of the Depôt Staff who has yet to have his leave, so everybody should be in good trim to compete with Territorial Courses and the long-hoped-for inrush of recruits in the month of January.

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C.S.M. Curtis and Mrs. Curtis left us on the 19th November

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to join the 2nd Battalion. We wish them a pleasant voyage, and may they have a very successful "foreign tour."

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The Annual Conference of Adjutants in connection with Courses for the Territorial Army was held at the Depôt on 12th November. Besides the six Adjutants (1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and Depôt), Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., and Capt. Fisher, M.C., were also present. Much business was transacted and a comprehensive programme of Courses was drawn up. The 1st Battalion have again consented to help very considerably by lending Instructors. The following Courses are to be held :—Permanent Staff Instructors (Drill and W.T. Revision, two Courses) ; Section Leaders (two Courses) ; Lewis Gun Intelligence ; Infantry Rangefinder ; M.G. (Recruits) ; M.G. (Advanced) ; Platoon Serjeants (Drill and Tactics) ; Cooks ; and Police. With the exception of the Police Course, which is to be a week-end one, all Courses will be of six days' duration.

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A draft of 44 Other Ranks arrived at the Depôt on Armistice Day from the 2nd Battalion. They were disposed of on the following day.

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The Officers of the 19th Field Brigade, R.A., who have been living in our Mess since their arrival, left us for their own Mess (the painters having done their worst) on 1st November. They have presented us with a very nice set of dessert knives and forks.

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We wish to thank Capt. Braddell for the handsome silver tankard which he has so kindly presented to the Officers' Mess.

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A Regimental Guest Night was held on the 8th November, when Col. Herbert, Capt. Myers, Major Leigh and Col. Hay, and Officers of the 19th Field Brigade, R.A., dined with us.

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Drummers Janucey and Lambert, from the 1st Battalion, visited us for the Assizes, and we understand that they again aquitted themselves most creditably.

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Lce.-Sjt. Jamieson and Cpl. Jarmain are carrying out a three weeks' attachment to the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, at Chelsea Barracks, where they are doing a Drill Course.

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We wish to congratulate :—

(1) Lieut.-Col. R. M. St. John Booth on assuming command of the 1st Battalion.

(2) The following on having now qualified in all subjects for Promotion :—Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes, Lce.-Cpl. Lawson, Lce.-Cpl. Lee.

(3) The following for having passed in the subjects shown against their names at the October 1st Class Certificate of Education Examination :—Sjt. Chapman (all subjects, awarded 1st Class Certificate) ; Cpl. Jarmain (Geography and Map Reading) ; Sjt. Hunter (Map Reading) ; Lce.-Sjt. Jamieson (Mathematics) ; Cpl. Morrison (Mathematics) ; Cpl. Pearson (Mathematics and Map Reading) ; Lce.-Sjt. Gray (English) ; Lce.-Cpl. Stockhouse (Map Reading).

There are now two Squads here : August (Strength, 28) and November (Strength, 33).

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The 5th/68th Regimental Depôts' Christmas Tree and Entertainment for the families is to be held on Friday, 20th December.

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The Christmas and New Year leave period will be from 24th December to 2nd January.

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On Armistice Sunday, which was also Lord Mayor's Sunday, the usual service was held at 11 a.m. in St. Nicholas' Cathedral. The service was attended by the Civic Authorities, and the Depôt were represented by Capt. Lindsay and the Adjutant. Also a party of twenty recruits, commanded by Mr. Collingwood, attended Divine Service at Holy Trinity Memorial Church, Jesmond. In the unavoidable absence of the Chaplain-General (Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, C.B., C.M.G., M.C., D.D.), owing to illness, the sermon was preached by the Assistant Chaplain-General, Northern Command (Rev. M. P. McCready, M.A.).

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In the afternoon the Depôt Drummers (Lce.-Sjt. Horlington, Drmr. Rarity, Drmr. Smith and Drmr. Stockton) attended the British Legion's Annual Memorial Service in the Cathedral, when they sounded "Reveille" and "Last Post." An account of the Service and Guard of Honour, found by the Garrison for General Newcome, is appended :—

"The City War Memorial in Eldon Square provided a fitting and dignified setting for Newcastle's observance of Armistice Sunday yesterday afternoon, when thousands of people assembled to take part in the brief but impressive ceremony.

"At the corners of the sacred pile stood four sentries—two Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and two Northumberland Fusiliers—resting on arms reversed. Drawn up on either side was a composite guard of honour of H.M.S. *Helicon*, 19th Field Brigade, R.A., and Detachments from the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry Depôts, under the command of Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C.

"In the centre a splash of colour was furnished by the scarlet robes of the Lord Mayor (Councillor Joseph Stephenson) and Sheriff (Councillor J. G. Nixon), who were accompanied by the sword and mace bearers in complete regalia and robed clergy from St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

"Two 18-pounder guns, from Newcastle Barracks, were in position at the south-east and south-west corners of the Memorial, facing Blackett Street.

"Then in front were drawn up members of the First-Aid Nursing Yeomanry—these young women looked very smart in their khaki uniforms—and a number of V.A.D. nurses. Ex-Service men, wearing their medals, joined in the solemn ceremony, which was also attended by relatives of the fallen.

"Floral Tributes.

"Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the 50th (Northumbrian) Division (T.A.), laid a wreath on the plinth in memory of the Newcastle men who laid down their lives during the war. Prayer was offered by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon J. N. Bateman-Champain, M.A., Hon. C.F.).

"The huge Union Jack fluttered to half-mast as four buglers from the Northumberland Fusiliers Depôt sounded "Last Post." Then, following two minutes' silence, the Colours were raised

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aloft triumphantly as the inspiring notes of Reveille broke upon the air.

" It was at this moment that the rigid figures of the sentries moved for the first time, and along with the Guard of Honour presented arms.

" The Benediction was ponounced, and the ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, played by the Band of the 5th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.).

" LESSON OF THE WAR.

" Those taking part had previously attended service in St. Nicholas' Cathedral, and afterwards marched in procession to Eldon Square.

" An address was given by General Newcome. We humbly believed, he said, that the cause of our country was a just cause, and that all the men and women who took part were fighting for the cause of liberty and for the triumph of right over might. God had given us the victory in order that we might be foremost in leading the world in the paths of righteousness and peace.

" ' We honour the dead in our acts of devotion to-day,' he said. ' We are here to remind ourselves of the lofty aims and splendid ideals that inspired those men and women who worked and fought and died that truth and justice might prevail. We admire their courage, their unselfishness, and their spirit of self-sacrifice. We pray for health and strength to follow their lead. Surely they are very near us to-day, and call upon us to ensure that this high standard shall be passed on from generation.'

" General Newcome afterwards visited the Head-quarters of the Newcastle (Central) Branch of the British Legion, 6, Leazes Terrace, where afternoon tea was served.

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The above account is taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal and North Star* of 11th November. Our Detachment was commanded by Mr. Collingwood and consisted of twenty-four Other Ranks of the Depôt Staff. The sentries were Sjt. Hunter and Sjt. Chapman. In the evening two of the Depôt Drummers attended at Holy Trinity Memorial Church, Jesmond, where they sounded " Reveille " and " Last Post."

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On Armistice Day the Depôt were represented at the Memorial Service which was held at the City Memorial in Eldon Square, by a Detachment consisting of twenty recruits and commanded by Mr. Collingwood. Wreaths were laid by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (representing Depôt) and Capt. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M. (representing 1st Battalion). An account of the Ceremony (taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal and North Star*, of 12th November) is appended :—

" In the cold rain of November in one of its worst moods, Newcastle remembered its gallant dead.

" Twenty thousand men, women and children wedged themselves into Eldon Square and about the city's War Memorial. Yet the only sounds that disturbed the great silence that fell upon the city was the steady swish of the rain as it swept the Square and the moan of the wind.

" For the first time since Armistice Day became a Day of Remembrance, the Civic Chiefs came to the city's Memorial for the silence. Hitherto they have gone to St. Nicholas' Cathedral, subsequently proceeding to Eldon Square, where the Salvation Army officers raised their banners and conducted a service pending their arrival,

" Yesterday the Salvationists and their banners joined the Civic observance, and all sections of the community were represented in the solemn assembly. Although rain fell heavily from 10.30 onwards, men and women, wearing the scarlet emblems of the day, poured into the Square, and Blackett Street became a lane through which the men of the Navy and the Army, the representatives of the Church and Civic state, the Consular body, and others came in stately progression to join in prayer with the ex-Service men and women, the widows and the orphans.

" SOLEMN SERVICE.

" The civic procession was brought to the War Memorial by the Band of the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. The Lord Mayor (Councillor Joseph Stephenson) and the Sheriff (Councillor J. G. Nixon), the Town Clerk (Mr. A. M. Oliver), and the Under-Sheriff (Mr. A. H. Dickinson), accompanied by the Chief Constable (Mr. F. J. Crawley), and the sword and mace bearers, wore state dress and were joined on the plinth of the War Memorial by the Lady Mayoress (Miss Stephenson) and the Lady Sheriff (Mrs. Nixon).

" About them were grouped men of the Naval Reserve, Fusiliers and Hussars, and numbers of naval and military officers. At each corner of the plinth were Service men with heads bowed over arms reversed—two naval petty officers and two Fusilier Colour-serjeants.

"At five minutes to the hour, the Rev. R. G. Cowie, Chaplain to the Territorial Forces, opened the service with prayer. At a minute to the hour, the officer commanding H.M.S. *Helicon* detachment, with a single word, brought the parade smartly to attention, and the Fusiliers' buglers sound the Last Post, the plaintive notes mingling with the warning roars of the river craft and the works' sirens.

" The flag fell to the half-mast, and the two minutes' silence was solemnly observed. Reveille sounded, the wet flag ascended to the mast, and there was heard again the steady beat of the city's pulse as traffic moved onwards.

" A civic wreath of poppies and laurel was laid at the memorial by the Lord Mayor, who was followed by representatives of the Royal Navy, the Army, the county regiments, and the British Legion—each bringing a token of loving remembrance and heartfelt gratitude.

" REMEMBER THE LIVING.

" Then, led by the Band, the assembly sang Kipling's Recessional Hymn, after which the Lord Mayor spoke briefly, reminding citizens of their debt to the dead and to the living—the war-maimed men, the widows and children. He prayed that we might never more hear the roar of the guns and the clash of arms, and in a final word appealed to all who had it in their power to find work for the unemployed ex-Service men.

" Thus was the service very fittingly terminated. Poppies were bought by the civic party for insertion in the ' Remembrance ' frame, the National Anthem followed, then all marched away to a lively tune behind the Band of the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers."

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On the 9th November, the following telegram was sent to Capt. Lambert (then Lord Mayor) :—

" Congratulations to you both on termination of highly successful term of office.

All Ranks, Depôt North'd. Fusiliers."

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The following reply has been received :—

"Will you please thank all concerned for the very kind telegram of congratulations from the personnel of the Depôt and also members of the Old Comrades' Association.

"My wife and I very deeply appreciate this thoughtful gesture from the Old Regiment.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR LAMBERT."

Extracts from Depôt Orders.

Education.—No. 4267129 Fus. W. Fenwick was awarded a Third Class Certificate of Education on 3/10/29.

Tours of Duty.—No. 4263358 Lce.-Sjt. F. Gray—Tour of Duty extended for one year to 28/10/30.

Postings.—No. 2201524 Lce.-Cpl. J. E. Wilkes posted from 1st Battalion for a Tour of Duty, 10/11/29.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.—No. 4256266 Fus. W. G. Ouzman awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with gratuity (A.O. 1929).

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Strength.—(23/11/29) Depot Staff 67, Recruits 63, Total 130.

Association Football.

The following matches have been played in the Tyneside Wednesday League :—

23rd October.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Prudhoe, at Prudhoe. Result :—Depot 5th Fusiliers 3, Prudhoe 1. Goals were scored by Cpl. Taylor (2), Sjt. Peppiatt (1).

6th November, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Consett Wednesday, at Fenham. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 10, Consett 2. Goals were scored by Sjt. Cross (4), Fus. Brown (2), Fus. Cuthbert (2), Cpl. Taylor (1), Cpl. Jarmain (1).

13th November, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Newcastle Co.-op. Reserves, at Walker. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 10, Newcastle Co-op. Reserves 0. Goals were scored by Cpl. Taylor (3), Fus. Cuthbert (3), Sjt. Cross (2), Cpl. Jarmain (1), Sjt. Peppiatt (1).

20th November, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Tantobie Wednesday, at Fenham. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 6, Tantobie 1. Goals were scored by Sjt. Cross (2), Cpl. Taylor (2), Fus. Cuthbert (1), Fus. Sinclair (1).

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The following is the Tyneside Wednesday League up to 16/11/29 :—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS F.	A.	PTS.
North'd Fusiliers ..	9	8	1	0	57	11	16
Stanley Tradesman	10	8	2	0	46	12	16
Wallsend Tradesmen	10	6	3	1	22	22	13
Prudhoe Wed. ..	9	4	4	1	25	34	9
Post Office Wed. ..	8	3	4	2	17	17	8
Newcastle Co-op. Res.	8	3	3	2	15	30	8
Leadgate Co-op. ..	9	1	6	2	12	22	4
Tantobie Wed. ..	7	1	4	2	14	23	4
G.C.O. Birtley ..	5	1	3	1	12	14	3
Consett Wed. ..	9	1	7	1	18	36	3

The following match has also been played :—

Northern Command Recruits Cup Competition, 1st Round. Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Depôt Durham Light Infantry. Result :—Depôt 5th Fusiliers (3), Depôt Durham Light Infantry (0).

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The following team represented the Depôt 5th Fusiliers :—

Fus. Flynn.
Fus. Robson. Fus. Sinclair.
Fus. Willis. Cpl. Taylor. Fus. Scott.
Fus. Whiley. Fus. Ardle. Fus. Brown. Fus. Beresford.
Fus. Butler.

Boxing.

It is anticipated that the Inter-Squad Boxing and the Inter-Depôt Boxing for the last quarter of this year will be held prior to the Christmas leave period.

Museum.

We have to acknowledge with many thanks an Austrian revolver and a Trench Map (France, 1917), presented to the Regimental Museum by Col. R. Stephenson.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

November, 1929.

NOVEMBER has, as usual, been a sort of restless month, the activities varying from Armistice services to social functions.

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We held our usual Armistice Church Parade on Sunday, 10th, when we formed up at the Drill Hall and marched to Newburn Parish Church, followed by a contingent of ex-service men and members of the local R.A.O.B. Lodge.

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Our Band turned out in full strength and is to be complimented thereon, otherwise the number on parade was disappointing. Major Bradley was in command and there were eight Officers present.

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The R.A.O.B. members attended in force, and there was a good turn-out of ex-service men under Capt. Porteous, late of the D.L.I., who was an old volunteer member of this Battalion, and Mr. Gregory, Surveyor to the Newburn U.D.C.

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We were pleased to see Mr. Newton, who is an old Fusilier and father of our R.S.M.

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After the church service, the parade marched to the war memorial, where a further short service was conducted by the Vicar of Newburn.

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Wreaths were laid by Major Bradley on behalf of the Detachment and by Sjt. Delaney on behalf of the Serjeants' Mess, also many others were laid on behalf of local institutions and by relatives.

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Drummer Herron and Drummer Humble rendered the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and they did it very well indeed.

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In the evening, an R.C. Church Parade was held at Leamington under the command of Mr. Neville.

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The annual Serjeants' Mess Ball took place on the following day in the Drill Hall, and it was a great success, mainly due to the untiring efforts of C.S.M. Locke, who acted as M.C., and whose decorative powers showed great enterprise.

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The Officers and friends were invited and the following were present :—Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Cruddas, Major Bradley, Captain

and Mrs. Hare, Captain Wood, Captain Gibson, Captain and Mrs. Fryer, Captain Watson, Mr. Neville and Miss Pink, Mr. Cruddas, Mr. and Mrs. Watson.

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They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was pleasing that the Officers' Mess Serjeant was present in his official capacity.

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The fancy dress costumes on the part of the ladies, and the clothing arrangements of gentlemen, were good, and when Mrs. Cruddas kindly judged and presented the prizes her choice was difficult but popular.

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Excellent progress has been made with regard to boxing. The Detachment Committee has met, and the result was a first boxing meeting held in the Drill Hall on the 20th.

Captain Charlewood designed a very ingenious ring, all complete with ropes, standards and stays, and (whisper it softly) covered with precious four by two.

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By the time boxing was due to commence, the Drill Hall resembled a curious mixture of St. James's Hall-cum-boxing booth-cum-Saturday night Bigg Market. A very mixed crowd of Territorials, "loacal laads" and schoolboys assembled, but it was evident that great expectations were held for a good night's entertainment, and they were not disappointed.

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The programme was opened by a lecture by C.Q.M.S. Horlock, A.P.T.S., who energetically and lucidly described the whole art of Army boxing from A to Z, including foul-play, vengeance, sportsmanship, tactics, fire and movement, judging and divers matters appertaining to the great art. He even went so far as to instruct us how to behave as spectators, and his advice was very warmly appreciated.

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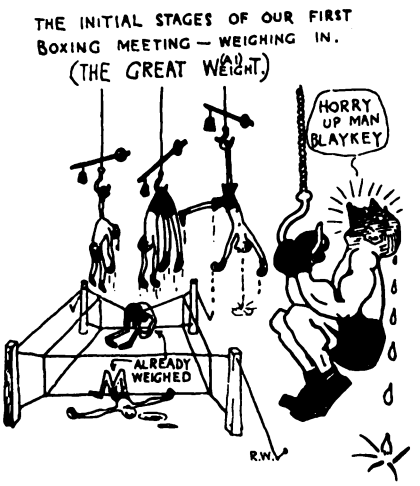
After the explanations came illustrations and demonstra-



tions, both rapid and slow motion, of all the points he wished to bring out. These demonstrations were very cleverly executed by Cpl. Curry and Cpl. Hartup, both of the 68th Depôt. Their masterly style and clever imitations of fouls, knock-outs, etc., were very much appreciated, and the whole audience gave ample evidence that they considered that the whole performance had been very well thought out. All three have our thanks, and we hope that we shall see much more of them in the future.

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The programme was then continued by tentative bouts, and they excelled all expectations. R.S.M. Newton acted as timekeeper, and C.S.M. Blakey acted as referee to the trials, as follows :—

(1) Sjt. Delaney ("W" Coy.) and Fus. Wailes (H.Q. Wing) opened the Novices proceedings with an equal three rounds. Delaney was quite aggressive, and Wailes adopted a nice clean open style. Both of them raised our hopes for our boxing future.

(2) Fus. Bates ("X" Coy.) and Drmr. Biggin gave us three good rounds, and though obviously new to it, they both showed spirit. Again more hope.

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(3) Fus. Gallagher ("X" Coy.) and a civilian, "Nobby" Clark, had a really energetic three rounds, and delighted the spectators with their agility.

(4) Two small boys, aged 16 and 13 years, gave a very spirited display of three rounds. They were both full of vigour and showed that they had been paying great attention to the opening lecture. Their display of style and good sportsmanship was delightful, and might be very well copied by their elders.

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We are sorry to have to record the loss of two of our members.

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No. 4264195 Fus. James C. Freeborn, of "X" Company, died suddenly on Armistice Day, at his home in Newburn. He was an energetic young soldier, and had been in the Battalion nearly five years. To his father, who is an old Fusilier, and his family, we tender our sympathy.

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No. 4264751 Fus. Wilfred Downey, of "X" Company, was seriously injured at his work at Throckley Colliery, on 17th of this month, and he died two days later. He was a brother of Sjt. Downey, of "W" Company, and was a keen Territorial soldier. We condole with his family in their loss.

Serjeants' Mess.

Newburn Detachment.

During the month, Mr. J. D. Newton, ex-Colour-Serjeant-Instructor of Musketry, father of the R.S.M., paid us a surprise visit from Bognor. We were very pleased to see him, and hope he will pay us another visit in the near future.

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Our Fancy Dress Ball on Armistice Night proved a huge success; about 400 took part, including most of the Officers and their lady friends.

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About two dozen took part in the Fancy Dress Parade, which resulted as follows:—

Ladies. 1st Prize, "Buy Empire Goods" (Mrs. Kelly).
Gents. 1st Prize, "Scarecrow" (Mr. Wallbottle).

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Congratulations to the winners.

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Our best thanks to Mrs. Cruddas, Mrs. Fryer, and Mrs. Hare for kindly judging the dresses.

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The Committee are congratulated on giving us a most enjoyable night.

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The music was supplied by Mr. Briggs' Carlton Orchestra.

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The chief topic during the month was Boxing! Boxing! and Boxing! Most of the members are taking up this kind of recreation with a view to landing the Lonsdale Belt some day.

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Ere these notes are in print, the writer will be safely landed at Catterick, a Course of Dots and Dashes having been inflicted upon him.

M.G.

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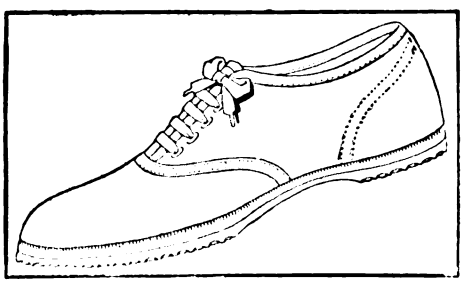

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5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,

November, 1929.

UNFORTUNATELY the writer was not present at the unveiling of the 50th Divisional Memorial at Wieltje and cannot give any first-hand impressions of that impressive and inspiring ceremony. The Battalion was not so strongly represented by those members to whom the whole scene round the Memorial, in its war setting, was a living memory. Those members who were there proved very inarticulate when asked for their impressions, except that the scene was greatly changed. One can only assume that their thoughts lay too deep for words to express, and that the younger generation cannot hope to join in or fully understand the depth of feeling which binds together ex-service men of all ranks when they meet together on such historic occasions. Those members of the Battalion who left the Central Station on the Friday evening, were accompanied by Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., T.D., and travelled *via* Ostend to Ypres, where they were joined by our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., and Capt. T. A. Carlile. After the ceremony, which has been fully recorded both in the press and elsewhere, Col. Anderson laid a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of the Battalion. We agreed with the view of one of your correspondents that the Memorial should become, as no doubt it will, a place of pilgrimage, not only for those to whom its memory is most dear, but also for those to whom Wieltje is but a name, so that, perchance, they may catch a breath of, or gain an insight into, the memories and shadows which linger on the surrounding plain.

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The Women's Guild has finished its Long Vacation, and its sessions are now again in full swing. The ladies of the Battalion, under their president, Mrs. Anderson, meet every fortnight, on Thursday afternoons, at Walker and Wallsend, and on the last Friday of each month at Gosforth. Preparations for Xmas are in full swing, and it is believed feverish activity is carried on with various articles of doll's attire.

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As is usual, refreshments play a large and very important part in these gatherings, and the "cup that cheers but does not inebriate" is much in evidence. This, however, promotes further industry and forwards rather than hinders their work, so let us say "carry on the good work."

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All the ladies of the Guild are certainly deserving of our best thanks for their labours.

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Three Company Commanders, Captains Herdman, Phillips and Stanley, were successful in persuading the Board of Examiners that they were possessed of sufficient gray matter to be considered for promotion to Major at the recent examination held in Newcastle; while Lieut. Spencer was able to do likewise in his Subject (a) Examination.

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Congratulations all.

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We all tender our hearty congratulations to Capt. Leete on being awarded the Territorial Decoration by His Majesty the King.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 563 Other Ranks.

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It is with great pleasure we announce that our C.O., Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., has been granted an extension of his tenure of Command, which was due to expire in February next. The War Office have granted him a further two years, as from the 22nd February, 1930.

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Col. Anderson is still "as young as they make 'em" an good for many years to come. As Commanding Officer, he has, along with Mrs. Anderson, worked heart and soul for the good of the Battalion, and the efficiency, strength and *esprit-de-corps* of the Battalion to-day are in large measure due to his untiring zeal and enthusiasm. We are glad, therefore, those in authority have been foreseeing enough to provide a continued outlet for our Colonel's activity, in carrying the Battalion through the new Organization next year and all the changes it will probably entail.

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We congratulate Col. Anderson, and hope both he and Mrs. Anderson will be among us for a long time yet and that they will be given continued health and strength in their many activities on behalf of the Battalion.

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The Serjeants of the Battalion have once more begun their Winter Dancing Programme. Dances are being held weekly at Wallsend and on the last Friday of each month at Walker and Gosforth. These, we hope, will be a success, financially and socially, and that their effects will be shown in the recruiting returns for next year.

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The Billiard Table, we believe, still stands (but just) where it stood. It is still quoted at Lloyds as being in a precarious position, the list having increased to 80 on the port side, and will probably be quoted soon at 90 gns., ex-cues, cum-balls, to be removed at own risk, 10 per cent. deposit, balance on the fifty pay-way system.

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In the meanwhile, what about some Billiard Matches?

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A 50th Divisional Tactical Exercise for Field and Machine Gun Officers was held near Longhorsley on Saturday, 19th October last. The proceedings began on Friday evening at the Station Hotel, Newcastle, when a lecture was given after dinner by Major L. F. Mitchell, M.C., who told us some elementary facts and also some new ones about Machine Guns.

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On the Saturday morning the party went to beyond Morpeth by 'bus, and there the scheme was worked out in detail by Syndicates, which were directed mainly by Brigade Commanders. The day, fortunately, was fine, and the most enjoyable part of the proceedings was probably the beer and sandwich lunch, which was provided just before returning. This was, however,

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a prelude to the sweated labour, all for two nights Detention Allowance, which was to follow. From two o'clock to 4.30 p.m. in the afternoon, Officers might have been seen with wrinkled brows, writing out their dispositions and making out maps, the scene being much like an examination room with crams very much in evidence. One by one the papers were handed in to the Board, accompanied by many sighs of relief. Later in the evening all foregathered to hear the criticisms of the solutions. These were long and many, but a merciful providence terminated the proceedings before dinner and enabled many to see "The Five O'clock Girl" at a nearby house of entertainment. The Battalion was represented by the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., Capt. T. A. Carlile, Lieut. D. E. Rowe and 2nd-Lieut. C. R. I. Besley.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
November, 1929.

THE fact that this contributor failed to contribute any notes for last month's *Gazette* does not necessarily mean that his Battalion has gone into Winter Quarters quite to the extent of another Battalion, whose laments came from the only apparent survivor above the snow. But it does imply that the contributor himself suffered from a slight attack of *rigor mortis*, which has been temporarily defeated by the spectacle of some boxing and the news of some recruits.

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Our Annual Competition with H.M.S. *Helicon* proved as interesting as ever. We were pleased to see so many of our own Battalion there, though there was plenty of room for more, and also well pleased to have so many of our sailor friends there.

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We were defeated by 5 events to 4, which is not so bad as it has been; but we hope for greater things next winter, or perhaps sooner, if a return contest can be arranged.

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The fighting was always clean and hearty, as it should be under Army Rules, and we congratulate all who competed on putting up a thoroughly interesting and sportsmanlike entertainment. Our thanks are due specially to Capt. J. Dean, D.C.M., of the 74th Brigade R.A., for acting as Referee; to Lieut.-Commdr. S. G. Homfrey, R.V.N.R., and Capt. G. S. Graham for Umpiring; and to Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt for the irksome task of time-keeping.

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Our Brigade Commander, Colonel Ward-Aldam, kindly presented the prizes, which were all good, if a trifle lighter than the Brigade Sports Trophy.

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Our C.O. referred to the pleasure it gave us to have the sailors to our Drill Hall again, and to the distinguished occurence of our having joined them on two occasions in providing Royal Guards of Honour during the past year.

The results were:—

R.V.N.R.		6TH BN. THE NORTH'D. FUS.
A.B. Smith	beat	Fus. Marshall
O.S. Branch	lost to	Fus. Gullon
O.S. Balmain	beat	Fus. Patrick
A.B. Chambers	beat	Fus. Smurthwaite
O.S. Newman	lost to	Fus. Mulligan
Sub.-Lieut. Johnson	lost to	2/Lieut. S. G. March
O.S. Pattison	beat	Fus. Beresford
O.S. Jackson	lost to	Fus. Bell
O.S. Ferguson	beat	Fus. Richardson

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On Armistice Sunday, our Battalion was represented at the City War Memorial, where our Commanding Officer placed a wreath on behalf of the Battalion.

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On Armistice Day, a Parade was held at our own War Memorial, where the Commanding Officer placed a wreath on behalf of us all. He was accompanied by some of the other Officers and a number of N.C.O.'s and Other Ranks. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were duly sounded, although our Band, under Mr. W. A. Crosse, was engaged at the City War Memorial on behalf of the Civic Authorities.

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The Battalion Whist Drive, held on Wednesday, the 20th November, proved a great success, 80 persons being present.

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Our thanks are due to our Quartermaster (Mr. Ouzman), R.S.M. O'Hara, and their band of willing helpers, for their work and organization which ensured the smooth working of the event, and made the evening an enjoyable one.

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A social event of this nature is always welcome to the members of the Battalion, but we are surprised that more do not take advantage of the facilities offered.

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It must be borne in mind by all Ranks that uniform must be worn at all Battalion functions, unless otherwise stated.

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Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., presented the prizes to the various winners, who were:—

LADIES.		GENTLEMEN.	
First	Mrs. Turnbull	*First*	Sjt. McEnally
Second	Mrs. Coxon	*Second*	Cpl. Bolton
Third	Miss Brannan	*Third*	Fus. Allison
Special	*Fus. Wilkes	*Special*	Fus. Weston
First Half	Mrs. Slogan	*First Half*	Fus. Rhodes
Second Half	*Sjt. Rhodes	*Second Half*	Fus. Fairney

* Playing as a Lady.

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The Corporals' Mess has now been officially declared open. It was encouraging to the promoters to have an attendance of 39 Corporals at the first meeting. The Room was highly commended—light, warm and cheerful—and it is hoped that all who can will make good use of a very excellent little club, whose reasonable wants will be attended to as quickly as ever circumstances and our Q.M.'s enterprise will allow. The place

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undoubtedly supplies a great want, and should go well, if sufficiently supported.

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The Competition for the Shooting Cup has commenced on the Miniature Range, and so far there has only been one match, in which "C" Company beat "B" Company.

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We fear that our Battalion talent this year is not sufficiently strong to comply with the terms of our programme, and have a Variety Entertainment on the 11th and 12th December. Some other form of amusement, or sport, will, however, be forthcoming.

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From the hand of another is sent an account of the Officers' Golf Competition. Here and there it may strike the reader as a lament, but if his highly polished cudgels did not on this occasion attract a prize, the author can at least console himself with the thought that if he did not hit the ball very far, he at least hit it very often.

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We would call the attention of all ex-Officers to the presentation of a Golf Challenge Cup, to be competed for on the same day as the Battalion Golf Cup. We hope that this modest tribute from the serving Officers to the keenness and support shown for the Battalion's welfare in all ways, as well as in golf, by our ex-Officers, will be accepted by all concerned (whether golfers or not) as a token of our appreciation for much kindly help.

Golf.

The Annual Competition for the Battalion Golf Cup was held at Goswick, on Saturday, 3rd November. Sixteen serving Officers and four ex-Officers descended on the Kings' Arms Hotel, Berwick, on the Saturday evening, and proceeded to fortify themselves for the ordeal of the next day.

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The competition for the Cup was by medal play under handicap, and after a very keen contest Lieut. A. H. M. Field and Lieut. S. G. March tied for first place. They were ordered by a hard-hearted Committee to go and do it all over again in the afternoon, with the result that Lieut. A. H. M. Field proved the winner of the Cup, and, worse still, of the Sweep. At lunch, the Commanding Officer announced that a Cup was to be presented by the serving Officers for competition amongst the ex-Officers. On enquiry it was found that the four ex-Officers had defied the Committee and had not kept any score beyond the first two holes, but had had a dog fight for five holes instead. They were therefore reprimanded, and sent off on an erratic course to do what they should have done in the morning.

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After a strenuous round, three of them tied for the Cup, and as they were by then more or less exhausted, three further holes were played, and Capt. R. W. Nicholson proved the winner, much to his own surprise.

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A most enjoyable day concluded with a dirt track race back to Newcastle, the Battalion Bentleys showing up well—more so than the owners thereof did in the competition.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

25th November, 1929.

THE tide has turned. In gathering strength waves of activity roll towards the opening year of 1930. If only the soldiery will rise to the heights seen by the visionaries now busy launching their training schemes on the still somnolent Territorial, the training year of 1930 bids fair to outrival its predecessors in intensity, variety—and discomfort.

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Already a programme of Depôt Courses for T.A. soldiers has appeared as a sequel to a Brigade conference on 12th November.

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These courses are each of one week. Candidates are quartered and cared for under the best possible conditions at our own Regimental Depôt and paid at Army rates. The value to a T.A. Battalion of these courses is enormous, quite apart from the teaching of the subject in hand. The living of the soldier life in a soldier atmosphere and the experience in the exercising of authority and the following of a disciplined routine is acquired here as nowhere else. And it is seldom realised that a 30-hour training programme, carried out in one week at the Depôt, covers more ground than a year's work in a T.A. Drill Hall. The minimum qualifying "drills" per annum amounting to only 20 hours.

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This being so, then it is important that all ranks in this Battalion should combine to ensure that no vacancy allotted to the 7th Battalion is forfeited. And to this end the following particulars are published :—

DEPÔT COURSES, 1930.

Course.	7th Bn. Vacancies.
Advanced M.G. (6/1/30 to 11/1/30)	8
Platoon Serjeants (6/1/30 to 11/1/30)	4
Recruit M.G. (13/1/30 to 18/1/30)	8
No. 1, S.L. (13/1/30 to 18/1/30)	12
No. 2, S.L. (Dates to be fixed later)	12
Lewis Gun (Dates to be fixed later)	12
Range Finders (Dates to be fixed later)	4
Intelligence (Dates to be fixed later)	4
Police (Dates to be fixed later	10
Cooks (Dates to be fixed later)	4

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It now remains for every keen 7th Battalion soldier to decide on the course he would like to attend, make provisional arrangements with his employer, and hand in his name to his Coy. H.Q.

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With this month's contribution we are submitting for publication an excellent photograph of Lieut. R. J. Middlemas, surrounded by the proofs of his prowess with the rifle. The influence and enthusiasm of Mr. Middlemas have been the prime factor in bringing the 7th Battalion into prominence in the shooting world. Whilst the majority of his successes have been personal ones his value to this Battalion lies in his encouragement of the young soldier. He is patient, cheerful and persistent in his coaching; and the winning of the Chip-

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chase Cup by the Alnwick Detachment in 1929 was entirely due to his unflagging enthusiasm.

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As the photograph can only be interpreted if some kind of key is provided, the items shown will be enumerated :—

The upright figure in the centre, wearing no hat, an air of becoming modesty, and the tie of the Tooting Rovers—Mr. Middlemas.

On the arm—top to bottom.

1927 Cross and Badge—Elcho Shield, English Eight.
1928 Inter-Services XX.—T.A. Team Badge.
1929 Inter-Services XX.—T.A. Team Badge.
1928 Marksman Badge, Class " A," S.M.R.C.

On table left of photo—left to right.

Back Row—

1926 Cambridge U.R.C., Agg. Medal.
1927 Cambridge U.R.C., Tankard.
North'd Rifle Association Challenge Cup and Replicas for 1928 and 1929.

Front Row—

1926 Cambridge U.R.C., Agg. Medal.
1927 Cambridge U.R.C., Agg. Medal.
1928 North'd Rifle Association Medal.
1929 North'd Rifle Association Medal.
1928 North'd Rifle Association Lambton Medal.
1927 N.R.A. Spoon.
1929 North'd Rifle Association Chipchase Medal in lieu of Trophy won for second time.
1927 Heslop Cup Medal.

On table right of photo—left to right.

Back Row—

1928 Donegal Badge.
1928 N.R.A. Bronze Medal.
1927 Humphrey Cup Medal.
1927 Lord Lieutenant Medal.
1928 Chipchase Medal (Miniature).

Front Row—

1926 King's Hundred Badge.
1927—1928 Corporation Challenge Cup, Highest Aggregate at North'd Rifle Meeting—both years.
1927 King's Hundred Badge.
1928 Chipchase Medal.
1928 King's Hundred Badge.
1929 Public Schools Veterans' Trophy.
1929 District Bronze Jewel, English XX. Club.
1928 District Silver Jewel, English XX. Club.
1925 T.A., R.A. Medal (Cambridge).

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This display of trophies has only been wrung from Mr. Middlemas in the teeth of the fiercest opposition. It is a record of achievement which we trust will be an inspiration to all ranks in the Battalion to keep alive interest and enthusiasm in rifle shooting.

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To the programme of winter sports there has been added that of equitation for Officers. It was hoped to have presented this phenomenal attraction before now, but an unforseen closing of the Riding School has delayed things somewhat and our first bump round is now timed to start at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, 11th January. We are indebted to the North'd Hussars Yeomanry and the XIX. Field Brigade for the facilities offered.

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This being the last chance that the writer will have of penning 7th Battalion Notes, this opportunity is taken to crave forgiveness for the manifold defects in matter and style in the 7th Battalion column during the past three years. It is only pleaded that month by month the failing hand has tried to throw the torch to more worthy bearers, but there have been no takers.

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Feeling as the writer does, that the *St. George's Gazette* is a very strong, definite and important link in the chain that binds us together as a Regiment, it is urged that it ought to be a point of honour to guarantee month by month that notes of some sort appear under a 7th Battalion heading. Good notes are better than bad, but bad notes are infinitely better than none at all. We all know the little stab of disappointment on opening our *Gazette* to find that our own little army is not mentioned. The little trivialities of to-day, too, are the history of to-morrow; and our petty little comings and goings and our camps and our courses and our odd photographs and news paragraphs are all of interest to the man who occasionally looks back. And some of us, God preserve our grey hairs, are rapidly becoming permanent lookers back.

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It is felt, too, that members of the regular personnel do not make the best correspondents for T.A. Units. Agreed that the leavening influence of this nucleus of regular soldiers lends

LIEUT MIDDLEMAS AND HIS SHOOTING TROPHIES.
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a certain air of respectability to a Territorial organization, but they tend to become wooden, my dears, in their outlook. They think in "drill book" terms, and any notes they write smell of red cloth bindings and rustle with amendments. They can never forget the majesty, might, dominion and power of the awful autocracy under which they wriggle their miserable ways towards their pensions. But your real T.A. correspondent requires freedom of soul and a ready wit to convert into the light-hearted stuff for which his public hungers, all the priceless material available in this kind of an army.

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Pomp, circumstance and the terror of officialdom should give the real T.A. correspondent a funny little titter inside his tunic—concealed from his face perhaps, but visible in his monthly notes.

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So here's to the prosperity of the new 7th Battalion correspondent. And whilst the old one is wrapping his cumerband round his hat and his puggarree round his middle (this may be open to correction) in a sunnier clime than this, may the 7th Battalion Notes ever be regular, full and free, for they are of interest in a wider field than many suspect.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 511 Other Ranks.

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Congratulations, good and hearty, and from all ranks, go to Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., on his being granted the Territorial decoration. May he long continue to wear it in our company.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,

November, 1929.

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While on the subject of this Christmas business, may we take this, somewhat previous, opportunity of wishing all our readers the very best of good luck and good times at this Festive Season.

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We have received an advance copy of *The Wonder Book of Soldiers*, edited by Mr. Harry Golding, F.R.G.S. We admit that at the present time there is a natural reaction against War and everything associated with War. But however we, with our bitter experience, may loathe War, it remains to-day as true as ever that every rightly constituted child loves a soldier. For to him—and her—the soldier, especially the British soldier, appears the very embodiment of gallantry, romance and honour, as indeed, with all his faults, he is. And now that the return of "Full-dress" is bringing back to the Army the colour and ceremony of pre-War days, the soldier is a greater attraction than ever.

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There is food for thought this month in the matter of the 7th Battalion Notes. We deplore the departure of our 7th Battalion Correspondent, but hope that he will find plenty of scope for his literary ability in supplying us with notes from the Unit to which the fates have called him. We are very grateful to Territorial correspondents who make noble efforts to produce rabbits out of hats each month for these columns, and we appeal to them to continue the good work and to induce their Units to read the *Gazette*, which surely is the best conceivable form of link between Units of the Regiment.

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Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

25th November, 1929.

AN account of the Armistice Re-Union Dinner, taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal and North Star*, dated 11th November, 1929, is appended :—

"When the members of the Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association attended their Armistice Day Re-union Dinner, which was held on Saturday night at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, their thoughts were with the V.C.'s who were simultaneously assembled in London.

"The following telegram was sent to the Prince of Wales's Equerry :—

"'Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association, dining at Newcastle to-night, send hearty greetings to the V.C.'s dining with His Royal Highness.'

"A telegram regretting his absence was received from Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, D.S.O., who formerly commanded the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers ; and a letter was received from Col. O. B. Foster, M.C., thanking the Association for their congratulations and good wishes on succeeding to the command of the 2nd Battalion at Lahore.

"Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Commanding Officer of the Northumberland Fusiliers, Depôt, presided ; and, after the loyal toasts had been honoured, one minute's silence was observed.

"In proposing the toast of 'The Old and Bold,' Col. Sir Thomas Oliver briefly traced the history of the Regiment since it was formed in 1674. The Northumberland Fusiliers, he said, had always been one of the most famous regiments, and had always stood true to their badge, Quo Fata Vocant. When duty called, they were the first to respond. The Battalions raised in the district during the War were linked up with the Northumberland Fusiliers, and although the Tyneside Scottish and Irish Brigades continued on their own throughout the War, that link did much to imbue the men with the high traditions that had been handed down.

"Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., proposed the toast of 'Our Civic Authorities,' and in doing so paid tribute to the services rendered by Sir Thomas Oliver in raising local Battalions during the War, and expressed his appreciation of the keen interest he had always taken in the Regiment.

"The toast of 'The Old Comrades' Association' was proposed by Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, York), who emphasized the value of Regimental Associations, and said there was no doubt they did a great deal of good. They could influence the rest of the population tremendously by showing that they could stand together in peace as well as war.

"Among others present were Capt. W. Myers (1st Battalion), Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt and Lieut. A. C. Collingwood (Northumberland Fusiliers, Depôt), Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. (Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers), Lieut.-Col. J. Bett, D.S.O. (Secretary of the Regimental Aid Society), Mr. C. Mercer (Chairman of the Society), and Mr. H. Brooks (Vice-Chairman). The attendance numbered 166."

London Area.

Our next General Meeting and Social will be held on Wednesday, 29th January, 1930 ; it is hoped that every member will make efforts to attend.

It is regretted that two of our members, namely, Mr. T. W. Capon and Mr. W. Bowles, who have been indisposed, but are now well on the way to recovery.

Much good work is still being done in the way of assistance, advice, and unemployment, which is, unfortunately, increasing.

Our membership is still growing, both in Officers and Other Ranks. We are now aiming at a membership of 500.

The London Branch of the Old Comrades' Association was represented at the wedding of Major J. Chenevix-Trench by Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Mrs. Allan, Mr. R. Almond, Mrs. J. A. Arnold, Mr. O. A. Gibson, Mr. W. H. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews, Mr. P. Maydon, Mr. H. I. Morgan, *Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Geo. Redhead, *Vice-President*, Lieut. T. H. Joyce.

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The Seventh Annual Re-Union Dinner, 11th November, 1929.

The two large halls of the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, were crowded at 7 p.m. on Armistice Day, on the occasion of our Seventh Annual Re-Union Dinner.

Our Patron, Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Colonel of the Regiment) and Lady Wilkinson received the comrades and their guests ; and even when dinner had had been announced by Mr. R. Ahronson (who acted throughout the evening as Toastmaster in a manner to be envied by the Lord Mayor's official announcer) the groups of Old Comrades renewing their mutual memories, could hardly be induced to follow the Chairman into the dining-room. Two hundred and twenty comrades and guests sat down to dinner, among whom were Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Lady Wilkinson, Brig.-Gen. G. H. L. Armstrong, C.B.E., Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, D.S.O., Mrs. Yatman, Brig.-Gen. E. Morton, C.B.E., Col. E. B. Heard, Col. D. Sapte, Col. J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. A. Marden, D.S.O., D.C.M., Lieut.-Col. A. C. Hardman-Jones, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Mrs. and Miss Hawkes, Brevet-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., Major W. M. Allan, C.B.E., Mrs. Allan, Miss Allan, Miss Allan, Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., Major Lord Redesdale, Major B. T. St. John, Mrs. St. John, Capt. J. Laing, Mrs. Laing, Capt. J. H. Owen, Capt. J. T. Rowland, Mrs. Rowland, Capt. M. L. Sant, Mrs. Sant, Capt. A. L. Scaife, M.C., Capt. F. Treanor, Lieut. E. T. Haliday, Mrs. Haliday, Lieut. J. H. Joyce, Lieut. S. Enderby, Mrs. Enderby, Sen., also three Veterans, namely, Mr. C. Harvey, W. Waters and S. McClements ; it was regretted that another Veteran, Mr. J. Townsend, who is resident at the Royal Hospital, could not attend through ill-health.

The many tables were arranged in the shape of a gigantic comb—one long table down the whole length of the room, with a succession of smaller ones joining it at right angles, to facilitate movement and service : which latter was quite excellent.

A loyal telegram was sent to H.M. The King, and during the course of the evening many wires and communications were received from comrades and others who were unfortunately unable to be present at the last moment, from various causes,

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including Lady Bertha Dawkins, Major Maxwell-Lyte, Major Cresswell Hobbs, and Captain Oakshott. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Herbert also sent a congratulatory telegram from himself and all Ranks of the 1st Battalion. After an excellent dinner, the President (Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes) proposed the loyal toasts, glasses were re-filled, pipes, cigars, and cigarettes were lighted, and the speeches began. Brig.-General G. L. H. Armstrong, C.B.E., in proposing the toast of "The Regiment," spoke movingly of all those who fell in the Great War and in previous campaigns, and referred to the proud reputation gained by the Regiment in whatever part of the world Fate had called its many Battalions, in both peace and war.

The Colonel of the Regiment, in replying, gave an admirable account of both of the Regular Battalions and the Depôt, and spoke of the zeal and efficiency of our Territorial Army Units. He laid stress, too, on the fervent insistence on the preservation of Peace by every soldier who knew by practical experience the horror and miseries of warfare, and who desired accordingly that these should be prevented by the adequate provision and upkeep of our defensive Forces. He was supported by Lieut.-Col. A. C. Hardman Jones, in a brilliant little speech acclaiming the good feeling among all Ranks which came from a loyalty and service common to all, and, in particular, that good comradeship in the Regiment of which the gathering itself afforded such striking evidence.

Mr. T. W. Thorpe proposed "The Association," in a few well-chosen and happily-phrased sentences; and the President and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. I. Morgan) responded, each giving some account of the progress and development of the Association during the last twelve months.

The President took a show of hands on the question as to whether future annual Re-Union Dinners should or should not be held on the Saturday next before Armistice Day instead of on that day itself. The voting was overwhelmingly in favour of the former date, which the President announced would henceforth be adopted by the Committee, to whose labours and to those of the Dinner Committee he paid a tribute of gratitude on behalf of the members. He also referred to the very great loss sustained by the Association in the death of Mr. W. Lees, one of its original promoters, who, in spite of private sorrow and long-standing illness, had worked so hard and unceasingly for its benefit.

Colonel J. C. Somerville proposed "The Guests" in one of those delightful and witty little speeches which the Comrades have now grown to expect from him. And Mr. St. George Redhead, a son of our Vice-President, Mr. George Redhead, replied in terms which must have been as pleasing to his father as they were gratifying to all who listened to them. The company then broke up again into groups, which soon found their way into the dancing-room, where music and dancing were kept up to a late hour. And so ended what everyone voted to be one of the most successful functions in all the history of the Association.

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Arrangements have since been made with the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, to hold our next Re-Union Dinner on Saturday, the 8th November, 1930. It is hoped that it will be the means of enabling many more to attend.

C. P. HAWKES, Lt.-Col., *President.*

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

The

Northumberland Fusiliers'

Aid Society.

Instituted 1904.

Winter is here. The hand of poverty is lying heavily on hundreds of erstwhile gallant Fifth Fusiliers and funds are exhausted.

Any sum, large or small, also cast off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by

The Secretary,

8, Higham Place,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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Scholarships at Brighton College for Sons of Army Officers.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
29th November, 1929.

IT is officially announced that an examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and one or two Gill Memorial Exhibitions will be held at Brighton College on 3rd and 4th June, 1930. Admission to compete in the examination is by nomination, and candidates must be

(i) under 14 years of age on 1st June, 1930, and

(ii) the sons of Officers who hold or who have held His Majesty's Commission in the Regular Army, or, failing such candidates, sons of Officers who hold or have held His Majesty's Commission in the Reserve or Auxiliary Military Forces.

The Scholarship and Exhibitions are each tenable at Brighton College for three years, but this period may, on the recommendation of the Headmaster, be extended to four years. The annual value of a Scholarship is £81, and of an Exhibition £60, reducing the amount payable by a parent or guardian to approximately £77 and £98 respectively, inclusive of all necessary extras.

Applications for nomination by the War Office (accompanied by birth certificates and certificates of conduct from the Headmasters of the schools at which the boys attended during the previous two years) should reach the Under-Secretary of State (C. 1), The War Office, London, S.W. 1, not later than 30th April, 1930.

Ripon Cathedral.

Urgent Need for Repair Funds.

THE famous Cathedral of Ripon stands in need of immediate and extensive repairs. A minimum amount of £10,000 is required for the renovation of the fabric and other essential purposes. Towards this sum the Dean and Chapter have raised £6,600, and they now earnestly appeal for the remaining £3,400.

Already many members of the public have generously responded to a previous appeal, but it is felt that if the urgency of the case were more widely known and appreciated, there should be no great difficulty in securing the balance. In particular, the Cathedral authorities desire to make a special appeal to all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Army, past and present, who were quartered at Ripon during the war. Letters to the Dean have been received from General Sir Bruce Hamilton, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., and Lieut.-General Sir Henry Lawson, K.C.B., testifying to the good work which was done on behalf of the troops, and the Cathedral authorities are confident that all ranks will gratefully recall the efforts which were made during those dark days by the Cathedral clergy and by members of the congregation for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Army.

Every donation, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, and should be sent either to the Dean (The Very Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen), The Deanery, Ripon, or to the account of Cathedral Appeal Fund, Midland Bank, Ripon.

"If."

(With apologies to Mr. Rudyard Kipling.)

IF you can keep your head when all about you
Are strafing at the food, and say it's *you* !
If you can eat yourself, when all men doubt you,
And say as P.M.C., what *they* would do!

If you can wait, yet not be seeming waiting,
When promotion hangs upon a single thread!
And hold yourself, as if your thought on waking
Was centred on some other trend instead!

If you can golf—and not make golf your master ;
If you can ride—and not make horse your aim ;
If you can steeplechase without disaster,
Nor bore your suffering friends 'til you're a bane !

If you can sit a horse like Martin Barber,
And manage yet by chance to keep your seat!
If you can get a fifteen-bobber charger,
And hunt at *very* least two days a week!

If you can go in last of a close innings,
And risk all on your game at any cost,
And run, and run again, to show you're winning,
That any match is won until it's lost!

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew,
To win a match with minutes scarce to play,
And yet hold on, when everything's agin you,
Determined that your side *shall* win that day!

If you can go to Hythe and Netheravon,
And temper work with just a bit of fun,
Return again unto the Regiment's haven,
With nothing ever *less* than a 2—1.

If you can face an Audit Board with hauteur,
And say : " Five pounds to him who finds me wrong "!
If you can live your whole darned life on water,
Then Heaven is yours—you'll not be with us long!

" BYSTANDER."

Decorations.

Who is the happy warrior ? who is he
That every man of arms would wish to be ?
Is it the Colonel with his new C.B. ?
Or Senior Major with his C.M.G. ?
Or is it he who seeks to turn the flank
Of many Seniors with his brevet rank ?
Or is it he whose aims have sunk so low
To be for ever satisfied with D.S.O. ?
Perhaps 'tis he who does not deem it loss
At gaining but a Military Cross ;
Or else 'tis none of these that is most blest,
But he who, seeking nothing, does his best.

" ANON."

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English Regiments and Holland.

Memorial in Amsterdam.

(From *The Times*, 29th November, 1929.)

Amsterdam,

28th November, 1929.

QUEEN Wilhelmina unveiled to-day in Christ Church, the English church in Amsterdam, two stained-glass windows, the first in memory of King William III. and Queen Mary, given by prominent Amsterdam merchants, and the other in memory of the men of The Northumberland Fusiliers and The Royal Warwickshire Regiment who fought on the side of Holland in the 17th century, presented by the Regiments.

On arriving at the church, the Queen was received by Sir Odo Russell, the British Minister to the Netherlands, who was accompanied by members of the Legation staff, and by Mr. de Villiers, Minister of the Union of South Africa at The Hague. In addition to the Bishop of Fulham, Anglican Bishop for North and Central Europe, who delivered an address, the congregation included, as representatives of The Warwickshire Regiment, General Sir Robert Whigham, Lieut.-Colonels Tomes and Bowly, Major Duke, Capt. Knyvett, and Lieut. Young; and, as representatives of The Northumberland Fusiliers, Major-Gen. Sir Percival Wilkinson, Lieut.-Colonels Herbert and Platt, and Major Chenevix-Trench. Lieut.-Col. Lucas was present on behalf of The Buffs, who last year presented a flag and a mural tablet to the same church. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Lucas, the Chaplain. After the unveiling, the Bishop of Fulham dedicated the windows and "Fight the Good Fight" was sung.

The Bishop of Fulham, in his address, said that every Englishman who cared for good government, religious freedom, and personal liberty, owed a debt of gratitude to "the strong silent man," William III., who, with his Consort, came to England when her destinies hung in the balance. The second window commemorated the distinguished regiments raised in England in the 17th century and engaged in continuous fighting for civil and religious freedom in Holland. He expressed the thanks of the British nation to the Queen of Holland for her presence and said that the ceremony was a reminder that England and the Netherlands had often fought side by side for high ideals.

The service concluded with the singing of the Dutch and British National Anthems. The Burgomaster of Amsterdam, who was present with other Dutch authorities, including Admiral Quant, entertained the British guests at luncheon. This evening the Queen gave a dinner at the Royal Palace in honour of the British officers and other prominent visitors.

Britain's Loveliest Island.

OFFERING particular inducement to retired Army Officers as a place of residence is the Island of Tasmania, the fair garden State of Australia, which combines all the advantages of the other Australian States with a pre-eminent one of its own—perfection of climate.

Captain Cook, when he sailed first to Tasmania, wrote that it had the loveliest climate—fresh, bracing, energising, healthy—he had met; and every settler who has come after him has said the same. It is not only the climate which is so splendid: everything else has been planned, so to speak, to match. The scenery is magnificently grand—not dull and monotonous, as it is so much in hotter lands; the people are happy, prosperous, carefree, and welcoming to the stranger; and opportunities are there for one's boys—and one's girls, too, who mustn't be forgotten in these enlightened days.

Tasmania is not only Australia's holiday island and a tourist's paradise—not to mention a fisherman's as well—but it is one of the important manufacturing states of Australia into the bargain. It has its own wonderful hydro-electric scheme, of almost infinite possibilities; and great industries, looking to Australia as a market good enough to cater for by the erection of a factory on the spot, are coming to Tasmania. Then there is farming, too, and orcharding, which may be pleasantly carried on under remunerative conditions.

Tasmania is as big as Scotland, very English in its scenery, very colonial in its outlook and the carefree happiness of its people. It has only about 215,000 people now, and there is room for a happy two million. In sport it offers practically everything there is to be offered—winter sports grounds, swimming and boating in the blue-watered harbours, fishing in the well-stocked streams (open to all who buy a licence for a few shillings yearly) and lucid ocean depths around the coast; golfing, bowls, tennis, riding—anything you care to think about. And it is all so inexpensive, so easy of access to everyone. Good golf can be had for a few guineas a year; you may be an inveterate angler for little more than the price of your rod. And your children will grow up in a land "more British than Great Britain," as some statesman described it once—a land that still has use for them when they have reached maturity, and does not wish to see them scattered to the ends of the earth to find something congenial to do.

There is no lovelier land than England, for the man who is retired. But it has its restrictions, its drawbacks, its disadvantages. Tasmania is a lovely England with these disadvantages removed, and a Britain-wide scheme is being organised to arrange facilities for those who would like to go there. If you write to the Agent-General for Tasmania, Australia House, The Strand, London, W.C. 2, he will gladly give the fullest information concerning it.

"I find Tasmania most desirable in every way, both as regards social life and sport of all kinds," writes Major P. Haines, himself a retired British Army Officer living in Tasmania. "I am convinced that these settlers would find themselves quite well off in Tasmania, with its perfect climate, and better off financially than they are at home."

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St. George's Gazette.

A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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31st December, 1929.

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BIRTH.

ASHTON.—At the British Military Hospital, Wellington, on 7th July, 1929, the wife of No. 4259834 S/S.I. J. Ashton—a daughter (Barbara Josephine).

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following Officer has vacated appointment in India:—

D.A.A.G.—Major H. L. Ovans, C.B.E., Northumberland Fusiliers (dated 5th August).

The following appointment has been made in India:—

Director Military Prisons and Detention Barracks.—Major H. L. Ovans, C.B.E (dated 5th August).

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Lieut-Colonel, half-pay list, to be Colonel :—W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. (dated 17th December), with seniority 1st January, 1922.

Captain C. Chipper, M.C., is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 23rd October, 1929).

Captain C. E. Hamilton (since deceased) is restored to the establishment (dated 23rd October, 1929).

Captain L. C. Thomas, M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 28th November, 1929).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

2nd-Lieut. Sir H. C. de M. Haggerston, Bt., to be Lieutenant (dated 24th November, 1929).

The following to be 2nd-Lieutenant :—T. E. Hudson (late Officer Cadet, Leeds University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.) (dated 14th December, 1929).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Battalion.—2nd-Lieut. J. A. Crisp to be Lieutenant (dated 27th October, 1929).

ARMY ALLIANCE.

The King has been pleased to approve of the following alliance :—

35th Battalion, Australian Infantry, Australian Military Forces, to The Northumberland Fusiliers.

Retrospect, 1929.

THE object of this annual Retrospect is not to present to the reader a detailed and minute recital of the doings of the six Battalions of the Regiment during the past year, for these should already be well known to readers of *St. George's Gazette*. The purpose is rather to cast a thoughtful glance back over the year that has gone ; to examine the strength or weakness during that year of those forces which should go to build up the prestige and moral well-being of the Regiment ; to hold, in fact, a kind of moral stock-taking ; to reflect, for a moment, upon what purpose we serve, and whether we have justified our existence.

It is almost inevitable that in so looking back, our glance should, for a while, wander, perhaps, farther than the year that has just gone, maybe over our earlier years in the Regiment, or perhaps beyond them again into the more distant past, with all its traditions which are our inheritance. When we come to examine our own tiny individual shares in the long life of the Regiment, possibly we become conscious of our own individual insignificance. If we do, it is very good for us. But it would be a grave mistake if any such realisation, however wholesome it may be, were to be accompanied by a feeling that our individual contributions to society are so infinitesimal as not to count one way or another.

The traditions of the past are largely traditions of war. But, by a merciful Providence, our country does not live in a state of war. The life of a Regiment is divided into long periods ot peace, interrupted by relatively brief, but terribly violent shocks of war. A badly built structure, or one which has been allowed to fall into disrepair, may survive a considerable period of calm. A typhoon will sweep it away. Likewise a Regiment whose efficiency and moral solidarity have not been soundly built up, and carefully cherished, in the long periods of peace, will assuredly be unable to withstand the shocks of war, and will crumble away. Herein lies our importance in the general scheme of life to-day. However insignificant we may be as individuals, however trivial our daily tasks may appear to be, it is the clear and definite responsibility of every single one to endeavour to add something to the strength and moral of the Regiment, so that it may at all times be in a fit state to undertake whatever task may be asked of it.

In these days of revulsion against war, and of a universal demand for world peace, maybe we have a feeling that our rôle in life is a little futile. Perhaps it sometimes seems not worth while trying. It is unfashionable to talk of the future possibility of war. No sane person wants to see it again. What, then, is our position ? A discussion on the possibility or otherwise of war in the future is far beyond the scope of this Retrospect, but just two lines of thought may help us in reflecting upon whether we continue to serve any useful purpose or not. Firstly, we all know, or have heard of, the man who, clasping his head on the morning after the night before, murmurs with almost infinite weariness : " Never again! never again!" His sense of revulsion is complete. Never again will he allow himself to indulge in any orgy which will reduce him to such a miserable state. If we take a very long view, may we not liken the war-weary nations of to-day to that man ? Nobody knows whether this international " never again " resolve will endure. All sensible people hope that it will. But we do know that occasions are apt to arise when our " never again " individual does go and have another orgy all over again. He does not necessarily set out deliberately in cold blood, any more than nations would set out to war in cold blood to-morrow —it just happens.

The second line of thought, resting perhaps on a more logical basis, may for that reason make a stronger appeal. We may be quite sure that the moment the nation feels it may safely cease to pay for the maintenance of armed forces it will do so. That day is not in sight. So long as the nation does maintain them, there is evidently considered to be a real necessity for them, and it is again our responsibility in these times of peace to justify that expenditure, and take our share in fitting the Regiment for any task it may be called upon to perform. As already mentioned, it is unfashionable to talk of war. It is more fashionable to liken the Army to a kind of Imperial Fire Engine, ready at any time to be rushed off to extinguish odd conflagrations which may arise within, or on the borders of the Empire. The simile is sufficiently apt. We all expect the Fire Brigade to be prompt, efficient, and courageous. The nation expects the same of its armed forces. And so our task in peace is the same as it always has been, to build on sound lines and each to contribute a fair share to the efficiency and moral well-being of the Regiment.

It is therefore profitable, before facing another year, to look back upon the old one and to ask ourselves : " Has the Regiment really progressed during the year ? If it has not, what are the causes ? " Nor, indeed, would it be amiss if on such an occasion each individual were to ask himself, just once a year : " What has been my personal contribution to the well-being of the Regiment, whose traditions I have inherited, and whose reputation is in my hands ? Have I really pulled my weight, or have I been a passenger, just jogging very comfortably along the line of least resistance ? " Since a Regiment is a little world in itself, and since it takes all sorts to make a world, and very direct questions may administer a more severe jolt to some than to others. The degree of severity of the jolt should be the measure of the resolve to do a little more for the common weal in future. The writer recollects having said something on these lines in a Retrospect written some three years ago, but is so convinced that a little such introspection is profitable on occasions that he makes no excuse for the repetition.

Perhaps the first thought that occurs in reviewing the past

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year is the passing from the regimental list of two Commanding Officers within a few weeks of each other. Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lt.-Col. Kershaw, D.S.O., who have recently relinquished command of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, respectively, however much they may regret the end of their regimental soldiering days, may both look back with the fullest satisfaction on their periods of command. Both by their splendid examples, showed the true meaning of service to the Regiment, and under them we prospered and were happy. Both handed over their Battalions in a high state of efficiency and with enhanced reputations. We look forward to a further period of prosperity under their successors, Lt.-Col. O. B. Foster, M.C., and Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.

In all forms of sports the Regiment continues to do well. Perhaps the most satisfactory aspect of sport in the Regiment is that no matter what the competition is, we usually have a good crack at it. There is no over-specialisation. We must admit that we would like to win an Army Competition, but there is no intention to sacrifice the interests of one sport for those of another. In Boxing, Football and Athletics both Battalions have occupied a high position for some time. At home the 1st Battalion has won its Command competition in Boxing, Athletics and Tug-of-War for the last four years. It is only necessary to glance through *St. George's Gazette* for the past twelve months to realise the enthusiasm and sporting spirit with which the minor inter-Company and inter-Platoon competitions have been fought out, especially in the 2nd Battalion. Sad to relate, owing to the fact that the Garrison grounds within our Barracks at York are the common property of five Units who between them run seven regular football teams, not to speak of hockey and rugger, and that these grounds require a good deal of nursing, these minor competitions have not flourished in York as they did in Ireland. Something will have to be done to rectify this.

LIEUT.-COL. W. N. H. HERBERT, C.M.G., D.S.O.

As regards other forms of sport, the 2nd Battalion Officers have lost no time in taking advantage of their move to Lahore, to revive polo, which is once more on the upward grade. Hunting goes strong in the 1st Battalion, and a field of nine started this year in the Regimental race over a pretty stiff course at the York and Ainsty Point-to-Point.

The ties uniting the Regular and Territorial Battalions have been appreciably strengthened this year by the fact that with the move of the 1st Battalion to York we have been nearer to each other. This year no less than nine Officers of the 1st Battalion and Depôt attended the Northumbrian T.A. Brigade Camp, and benefited considerably by having been there. The keenness, enthusiasm and infinite capacity of the Territorial for turning out remarkably good bricks, often with the slenderest allowance of straw, are excellent object lessons to their Regular brothers-in-arms. This Brigade stands high in the Territorial Army. Next annual camp is to be a Divisional affair. Anyone who has seen the Northumbrian Brigade in camp is quite confident that it will show the way to the remainder. The Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., has been known to remark that he is sometimes conscious of being the only member of the Brigade who is not a Fusilier. He need have no qualms on that score. Since taking command, by his own personal contact with the Depôt and 1st Battalion, by his efforts in arranging courses of instruction for T.A. personnel, and in securing attendance at camp of Officers from the line Unit, he has done a great deal to strengthen the bonds which unite all the Battalions of the Regiment into one whole.

The unveiling at Wieltje of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division War Memorial recalled vivid recollections to many Fusiliers who are serving to-day. Lord Plumer paid eloquent tribute to the courage, endurance and self-sacrifice of the Territorial soldiers of Northumberland. We can be well satisfied that the reputation which they won for themselves is in safe keeping to-day.

This year we welcome an alliance with the Elgin Regiment of the Canadian Militia. We take it as no small compliment to the Regiment that they should have applied for affiliation. The qualities of the troops from the Dominions are world renowned. They almost have to be seen to be believed.

In looking back over the year we recall the deaths of several fine old Fusiliers who have been lost to us—Major Cubitt, the last surviving Indian Mutiny veteran of the FIFTH; Mr. George Bristow, who served 22 years in the Regiment; ex-R.S.M. Cobham, who had nine medals to his credit; Mr. Lees, one of the earliest and most enthusiastic promoters of the London Branch of the Old Comrades' Association—have all been taken from us with the march of time. We remember, also, the loss of our very good friend Mr. Grigg, head of the

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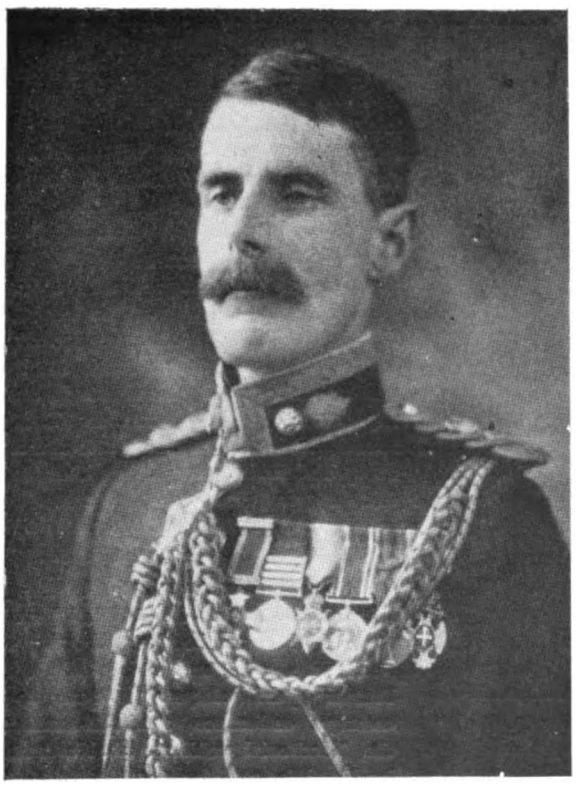
firm which has printed this magazine for 37 years. Only recently we have been saddened by the sudden death of Capt. Hamilton, who seemed literally to have been plucked from our midst.

The undying spirit of the Regiment is exemplified by the growing popularity of the Old Comrades' Association. Starting originally in the London Area, it has steadily gained strength. The opening of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch this year met with an immediate response, and almost every number of the *Gazette* reports increasing membership. The movement soon spread to Sunderland, where a new Branch is flourishing. If these Associations did no more than create tiny islands in the vast industrial population, of men with a common bond of sympathy, they would serve a useful purpose. They do much more. Not only do they help to provide comradeship



LIEUT.-COL. S. H. KERSHAW.

to a man when, on leaving the Colours, he may badly need it, but they constitute, in addition, a link between the longer service Officers, and the men with whom, after serving together, they regretfully part. And lastly, they form small, sound nuclei of citizens who, more fortunate than their brethren, have had the opportunity of having their outlook broadened, and of developing healthy ideas regarding the Empire and all it stands for.

It is customary, and rightly so, in this annual Retrospect, to pay tribute to the important place in our daily life which *St. George's Gazette* occupies. Sometimes, perhaps, through growing accustomed to its regular appearance, we are not always conscious of its importance. Some months it is less interesting than others. The writer knows from experience that subjects on which it is easy to write are often hard to find in the lean months. Nevertheless, however lean the months may occasionally be, the value of the *Gazette* as a permanent, living link between the Units of the Regiment, and as a medium through which our great *esprit-de-corps* may be fostered, is undeniable. As such it should at all times receive the liveliest support, and no contributor who has its interests really at heart should be able to let a month go by empty, as far as he is concerned, without feeling a very considerable stab of the conscience. *St. George's Gazette* is the soul of the Regiment. It outlives all our insignificant comings and goings. It was here before we were thought of in the Regiment; it will go on after we have left, and if, as in writing a Retrospect, one seeks to examine that soul, there is no better way of doing it than by dipping into the pages of old volumes, not for one year, but for several or many years back. Once more we say "Thank you" to our Editor, who very quietly, very efficiently carries on the work of producing *St. George's Gazette*. He is most patient with his various contributors.

The year 1929 has been a really satisfactory and prosperous year for the FIFTH. It rests with each one of us, not only to maintain, but to do something to enhance its high reputation in the coming year.

E.G.P.

Obituary.

Captain Christopher Edward Hamilton.

Born 22nd March, 1885. Died, 26th November, 1929.

IT is with the very deepest regret that we record the death of Capt. C. E. Hamilton, which took place suddenly in King Edward VII. Hospital, London, whilst he was on leave. The elder son of the Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Hamilton, he was educated at Oundle. After a short period of service in The Sherwood Rangers he was appointed on the 15th of August, 1914, to a commission in the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion of the FIFTH. In June, 1915, he joined the 2nd Battalion in France and was wounded the following September. The following year he was permanently commissioned as 2nd-Lieutenant in the FIFTH, his commission being ante-dated to May, 1915. After a brief period in Egypt and with the Royal Flying Corps, he again returned to France, this time being posted to the 1st Battalion, in October 1917. In 1918 he was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches, and in June of that year was invalided home on account of sickness. He next served under General Ironside in North Russia, but bad health again overtook him and he was invalided home.

In 1920 he began a tour of service in West Africa, which continued until the beginning of 1929, with the exception of a short break in 1923, when he served with the 1st Battalion in Cologne. During the latter part of his service in West Africa he was employed under the Colonial Office in raising a Colonial Volunteer Defence Force.

"Ham," as he was generally known to us, occupied

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a very high place in our affections. During the last few years of his service, owing to his being seconded, we did not see much of him except during his leave in England, when many of us met him at one time or another. Unselfish, good-natured, and the very soul of good humour, he was the kind of man one rejoiced to meet anywhere and at any time. Although seconded, he always made a point of attending, during his leave, any Regimental functions that he was able to get to. At the time of his death he had decided to retire from the Service, but, although he had sent in his papers, we feel that we have lost one who, wherever he had been, would always have maintained

CAPT. C. E. HAMILTON.

a close connection with his Regiment in which he had so many good friends.

The last time we saw him was on 22nd November, when he came specially from London to dine in Mess on the night previous to Col. Herbert's departure. We were very shocked to hear that he had died a few days later. Col. Herbert, Capt. Buckley and Capt. Gatehouse represented the Regiment at his funeral at Hatfield Heath, Essex, and wreaths were sent from the Officers of the Depôt, Officers 1st Battalion, and All Ranks 1st Battalion.

We offer our very deepest sympathy to his relatives in their sad and very sudden bereavement.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
December, 1929.

THE fact that things are boiling up for Christmas has been making itself gradually more and more evident of late. Long before Christmas, of course, there is a slight preliminary stir regarding the form which the Regimental Christmas card should take. (In the case of this year of grace 1929, there was quite a considerable stir in certain quarters when it was discovered that two succeeding P.M.C.'s had each ordered a different supply for the Officers).

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Next come the all-important nominal rolls giving age and sex of children in the Regiment, so that Father Christmas may have early warning of his liabilities on the occasion of his annual visit to His Majesty's Fifth Regiment of Foot. It soon becomes quite impossible to transact any normal business with the P.R.I. At any other time of the year, a visit to his office will, as often as not, provoke a somewhat one-sided discussion, in which it is hinted that one's Company might provide a little more money for this or that, or else it is quite definitely stated that the Games Fund, say, is utterly broke, and there's no money anywhere for nothing nohow, and goodness knows where any is coming from ever again.

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Now it is quite different. His table is littered with sample menu cards for the Battalion's Christmas Dinner. Last year's is dug out from a dusty recess (the menu, of course, not the dinner) and lies flaunting a succulent challenge to a specimen printed card from Messrs. Gale and Polden, which sets forth the rival claims to indigestibility of the 1st Blankshire's dinner at Balaclava Barracks, Bagshot, in 1928. Ordinary business is at a standstill. A recent visit to this hive of busy bees, instead of producing a sordid discussion on cash transactions, plunged the unwary writer into a lively discussion upon the respective merits of a conjuror or a Punch and Judy show for the Christmas Tree entertainment. Arguments became quite heated. Eventually a complete state of deadlock ensued, with the result that it was decided to satisfy both factions by having a conjuror and a Punch and Judy. The suggestion that some arrangements be made for the children to see the show as well was carried unanimously.

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The numerous duties connected with the organisation of such festivities obviously call for a considerable degree of decentralisation. "A" is responsible for decorating the dining hall, "B" buys toys, "C," "D," "E," "F," "G" help to decorate the Christmas Tree, and so on. This year the decentralisation has been so masterly that the P.R.I., having issued his instructions, was able to wash his hands of all further responsibility, and retire to spend a decent quiet Christmas in bed, far from the maddening festive crowd. True, he had to develop German measles to do it, but then, every cloud has a silver lining, and maybe the proverb has fortified him in his misfortune.

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The actual entertainment was held on Thursday, 19th, and was a distinct success. The Punch and Judy came up to the expectations of young and old alike. The toys, distributed by Mrs. Booth, were most attractive, and, under the

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generalship of Capt. Myers, the whole show went without a hitch. The Pioneers deserve a word of praise for their share in the undertaking and for the very effective way in which they illuminated the tree.

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Some of us have been a little disturbed lately to notice a marked air of fatigue about the Adjutant. For a time we were mystified as to the reason. All enquiries as to the problem or problems over which he was apparently worrying himself to bits were of no avail. One thing was clearly established. He was so comparatively rarely to be seen at his desk that one was forced to assume that, whatever the trouble was, it was apparently nothing to do with his ordinary duties. The field of enquiry was therefore limited to matters external to his ordinary work or life in barracks. Now, when a brother Officer begins to look haggard over something external to what we call his normal daily life, it is inevitable that the most discomforting suspicions should arise, especially when he is to be seen sitting at a writing table in the Mess, obviously reckoning up his past expenditure from the counterfoils of his cheque book. Perhaps he is in the clutches of a money lender. Maybe he is being blackmailed. Or, worse than either of these, has he suddenly become over-susceptible to the charms of the other sex—suppose he has struck a real hundred per cent. gold-digger? Ghastly business! The general consensus of opinion is that he has more sense, but the haggard look is still there. Something *must* be wrong.

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The upshot of it all was that to alleviate the general uneasiness it was decided to employ our intelligence branch to make discreet enquiries, not, of course, from any prying motives, but merely with a view to diagnosing the ailment so that a remedy might be found. The result, we are glad to say, is that though it is undisputably proved that the Adjutant's evident fatigue is entirely unconnected with his work (meaning, of course, that it is all so efficiently arranged as not to cause him the least qualm), there is, nevertheless, no very abnormal or disturbing feature about it. Furthermore, the administering of an antidote does not appear to lie within our power. The fatigue is obviously healthy and natural, and as far as one can judge there is no apparent mental agitation behind it—though a scrutiny of our intelligence agent's report does not altogether rule out the possibility. The whole affair being one of some importance, the agent's report of the Adjutant's movements over a given period is now made public so that the interested reader may judge for himself.

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Monday.—Club Dance. Returned 3 a.m.

Tuesday.—Hunted. Dined out. No information could be obtained regarding hour of return.

Wednesday.—Observed at work in the morning. Badsworth Hunt Ball. Returned 4.45 a.m.

Thursday.—Again seen in uniform in the morning. Regimental Guest Night.

Friday.—Hunted. Bilton Beagle Ball. Returned 4 a.m.

Saturday.—Slept mostly.

Sunday.—Lunch out. Lunch rather protracted. Returned to Barracks just in time for supper.

Monday.—No information. Discreet enquiries from Adjutant himself no good, because he cannot now remember.

Tuesday.—Hunted. Danced, returning 3 a.m.

Wednesday.—Again seen in uniform in morning. Fox-Hunters' Ball, York. Returned 3 a.m.

Thursday.—Spare day for revision.

Friday.—Snow, so got up in uniform. Dance at Harrogate. This brings us up to the time of going to press. We can only speculate on the hour of return from Harrogate.

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So you see, everything is quite all right really, and all our fears were unfounded. All the same, he does look tired sometimes.

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Although a separate contribution appears from our football correspondent, the present form of the football team deserves mention here, and should not be passed over without a word of congratulation to them on their performances up-to-date. This year we have a very well-balanced side. It is capable of playing really good football which it is a pleasure to watch, and, what is more important, it plays a very clean game.

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In Cpl. Scanlon, Fuslrs. Hughes and Young we have three inside forwards who show excellent combination. Caldwell, at outside left, is a vastly improved player; and Postle, although a newcomer to the team, has plenty of football in him and has justified his inclusion in the side in place of Kellet, who has gone to the Army Reserve. Perhaps the most noticeable improvement in the forward line, in comparison to recent years, is that they really can shoot hard. In the past it has frequently been almost exasperating to see them work the ball well up to the goal, and then do anything but shoot.

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Of the reliability of the half-back line it is sufficient to say that Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton have played consistently for the Army as left half and centre half respectively this season. The third member of the half-back line, Cpl. Smart, is well up to Battalion standard. Fuslrs. Dennison and Charlton are two fine, sturdy little backs, who always play a sound game. Neither of them ever has an off day, and Dennison in particular often plays brilliantly. Creig, in goal, has been a little shaky at times, but should not be discouraged by the fact. It must always be remembered that in a team which is usually on top of its opponents the goalkeeper is liable to get very little match practice! Whilst on the subject of the backs and goalkeeper, there is one criticism which has been made more than once. Both backs, in their anxiety to help the goalkeeper, are apt on occasions to unsight him by getting very close in front of him and trying to head away the shots of opponents. It is not easy to lay down the law about this kind of thing, but it is safe to say that the best way to help the goalkeeper is usually to go for the opposing forward, tackle him, harass him, give him no peace, disturb his aim so to speak, and make sure that the goalkeeper has sufficient opportunity to see the man shoot, and to use his sense of anticipation and his hands.

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Lastly, there is one more criticism which is made, not because of any radical failing in the team, but because it is a point in which there is a little room for improvement. Every player who represents the Battalion in any team should always remember that when he is on the field the reputation of the Regiment is very much in his keeping. There should *never* be any occasion to make any appeal whatever to the referee even on such minor points as to whose throw-in it is. There should *never* be any occasion to address any remarks to an opponent. The team as

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a whole is very satisfactory in these respects, but the faults are not entirely absent, and no supporter who has the Regiment's good name at heart will be really satisfied until there is *absolutely none* of it.

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Unfortunately, one or two of the civilian teams we sometimes meet are apt to do a great deal of appealing, and the habit is a little infectious. It looks bad, is bad, and anyway it is quite futile, because no referee or linesman who is worth his salt will ever be in the least likely to allow his decisions to be influenced by an appeal. The fault is almost non-existent in the Battalion teams. Let us see that it is absolutely non-existent in future, no matter how talkative the opposition may be.

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The usual comings and goings on leave are taking place. In addition, Captain Gatehouse has been on a Hygiene Course. Doubtless he is now replete with knowledge of the rate of multiplication of various unmentionable insects, their domestic habits, and appropriate methods for their extermination.

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Mr. Macmullen has left us on transfer to the 10th Hussars. We wish him all the best of luck, and thank him for the very nice silver tankard he left in the Mess.

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Mr. Tarleton has joined from the 2nd Battalion, after hovering in the offing in England for a time. We are very glad to see him, but are not quite sure whether the feeling is reciprocated, because as soon as he arrived he began hollering for leave.

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Mr. Speer has come back from a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon. He says his instructor says he got a "D," and it is all quite certain. We hope it is. We do not doubt his capacity to get a "D." But we don't really know whether to offer him official congratulations until we receive official notification, which will doubtless appear in due course.

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The photograph, which appears in these notes, of Capt. Myers placing a wreath on the War Memorial at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Armistice Day was received too late for last month's notes. Mention of Capt. Myers calls to mind the lamented death of "Brough," his airedale, which he took over from Mr. Bland when the latter went to Africa. Master and dog were very devoted to each other, and we are all sorry that "Brough" is no more.

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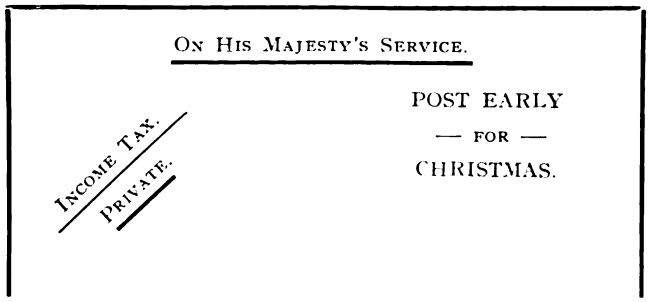
The writer has come to the conclusion that the Post Office has a pretty grim sense of humour. The other day the following caught his eye, in his letter rack. It was a buff envelope. The top half looked like this :—



Festive sort of folk, are'nt they?

Shortly before going to press we received the following correspondence which it is of interest to publish :—

Subject—Affiliated Regiments, No. A.A.7/24.

1ST BN. THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS,
FULFORD BARRACKS,
YORK,

24th October, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

I send you herewith a copy of the Standing Orders of The Northumberland Fusiliers. I understand that the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, is sending you a copy of the history of the Regiment, and that the Editor of our Regimental Journal is arranging to send you monthly, a copy of *St. George's Gazette*.

May I suggest that it would be of great interest to all ranks of the Battalion under my Command to have any information regarding the Regiments with which they are affiliated, and I shall be very grateful for any literature you may be able to send me on the subject.

Yours sincerely,
W. N. HERBERT, *Lt.-Col.*
(*Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers*).

LIEUT.COLONEL W. A. ANDREWS,
1ST BN. THE ELGIN REGIMENT,
ST. THOMAS,
ONTARIO, CANADA.

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ST. THOMAS,
ONTARIO,

December, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

Your letter dated 24th October, 1929, Subject :—Affiliated Regiments, No. A.A.7/24, is acknowledged, also receipt of copy of the Standing Orders of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and, later, a copy of *St. George's Gazette* forwarded by the Editor.

As these were addressed to me personally I thought I should advise you of the change in Command of The Elgin Regiment. I was transferred to The Reserve of Officers in April of this year, having served continuously with The Elgin Regiment for 33 years, including service in France during the late war.

I leave the service as an active Officer with much regret, but the interest which I have always taken in Military affairs will not wane, as, through Honorary Membership in the Officers' Mess of my old Unit, I shall be closely in touch with most matters of Military interest.

I am particularly proud of having been in Command of the Elgin Regiment when negotiations were instigated toward the affiliation with the Northumberland Fusiliers, which has recently been approved.

I can assure you that this great honour is sincerely appreciated by all ranks, and the benefit to be derived from this connection with one of the most illustrious Regiments of the Imperial Army is of inestimateable value to Units of our Canadian Militia, of which our own Elgin Regiment forms a part.

May I ask you to note the information as to change of Command in order that all future correspondence may be correctly addressed, and please accept and extend to the Officers of the Unit under your Command my personal greet-

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ings and good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

P.S.—I omitted to name successor in the Command of the Elgin Regiment :—Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Stanbury.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. ANDREWS, *Lt.-Col.*

(*Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 1st Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, Fulford Barracks, York, England*).

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May we suggest that a periodical contribution from the Elgin Regiment—say quarterly if they cannot manage it monthly—would be very welcome and of great interest ?

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Greetings for Christmas, 1929, were received from the following :—Capt. Redwood ; Lieut. Jones ; 2nd Middlesex Regt. ; Capt. Duncan ; Officers, Depôt Northumberland Fusiliers ; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ellison ; Officers, 64th Regt. ; 1st D.L.I. ; Major and Mrs. Stephen ; Lieut. Forbes-Watson ; Capt. J. A. Scrutton ; Lieut.-Col. R. Auld ; 2nd K.S.L.I. ; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Caffin ; Serjeants, 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers ; Corporals, 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers ; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers ; Officers, 45th Rattray's Sikhs ; Officers, 2nd King's Regt. ; Staff, S.A.S., Hythe ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers ; Officers, 1st Bn. Green Howards ; Officers, 1st Bn. West Yorks. ; Lieut.-Col. C. E. Maude ; Depôt, West Yorks. ; Capt. and Mrs. Hopkinson ; Lieut.-General Sir C. D. Shute and Officers H.Q.M.C. ; Lt.-Col. Charlton ; Lt.-Col. Ingpen ; Officers, 2nd Bn. D.L.I. ; Major Gordon Douglas ; Officers, Depôt York and Lancaster Regt. ; Brig.-Gen. Buckley ; Capt. C. S. Graham ; Commandant and Officers, Signal Training Centre, Catterick ; Lt.-Col. Binney ; Col. D. Sapte ; Officers, 5th I.D.G. ; Lt.-Col. Athill ; Capt. Gough ; Officers, 2nd West Yorks ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Bromfield ; Officers, R.A.O.C., York ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hardman-Jones ; Officers, No. 8 Coy. R.A.M.C. ; Capt. Dent ; Officers, 1st Sherwood Foresters ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Athill ; Major H. E. Buchanan ; Major-Gen. F. Ready ; Rev. Hutchings ; Capt. and Mrs. Waddilove ; Rev. and Mrs. Lucas (Amsterdam) ; Brig. and Mrs. A. C. Girdwood ; Capt. Cocks ; Lieut. Pringle ; Col. and Mrs. Charles Wood ; Capt. and Mrs. Blackett-Ord ; Capt. Sant ; Major and Mrs. Williams ; Lt.-Col. Platt ; Col. and Mrs. Charles Turner ; Mr. K. and Mrs. Wildman (Amsterdam) ; Chief Commissioner of Police (Amsterdam) ; Lieut. Stockley ; Air Commodore and Mrs. Bonham-Carter ; Col. and Mrs. Sturges ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Lamb ; Adjutant's Press ; Lt.-Col. A. Legallais ; Col. D. Stewart ; Brig. C. E. Heathcote ; Lieut. Carr-Ellison ; Lt.-Col. O. B. Foster ; Col. and Mrs. Gordon ; Rev. M. P. McCready and Officers of Army Chaplain's Dept., Yorkshire Command ; Lieut. Kilgour ; Lieut. Crawhall ; Lt.-Col. W. Y. Herbert ; Col. Prickard ; Major Pedley ; Mr. and Mrs. Laming (Amsterdam) ; Capt. and Mrs. Oakes-Jones ; Col. Temperley ; Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Riddell ; Col. and Mrs. Heard ; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Landen ; Major and Mrs. Allan ; Lieut. Byrne ; Major-Gen. Cameron and Staff ; Lieut. Whelan ; Major and Mrs. Flower ; Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. C. Yatman ; Capt. and Mrs. Buckley ; Officers, 5th West Yorks ; Mrs. Toppin ; Brig. H. R. Sandilands ; Officers, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers ; Brig. K. Bethall ; Brig.-Gen. Burleigh Leach ; Lieut. Macmullen ; Capt. Trenam ; Lt.-Col. Ainslie ; Lieut. Prickett ; Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson ; Major Jackson ; The Elgin Regiment ; Capt. and Mrs. Fenwick ; Major Thornton ; Her Majesty the Queen of Holland ; Major O. C. Downes.

Football

First Team Notes.

We have played four matches this month in the Saturday League—three at home and one away. In each match we have recorded a win.

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Position in League to date :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
14	12	2	—	76	24	24

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RESULTS OF MATCHES.

On the 23rd of November we met and defeated the L.N.E.R. (Permanent Way) Team, on their own ground. The result was 3 goals to 1. Losing the toss, we kicked off with a strong wind against us. This necessitated our playing a defensive game for the first half. After six minutes the L.N.E.R. scored through their inside right, our goalie (Craig) having no chance. After eighteen minutes, from a centre by Caldwell, the equaliser was obtained, Hughes having no difficulty in scoring. The score remained the same until the interval. On the resumption the wind had dropped and much more football was served up by both sides. Our forwards, although trying hard and combining well together, could not find the net. Twenty minutes of the second half had elapsed before Young, receiving a pass from Postle, increased our score. Six minutes later the same player, from a centre by Postle, further increased the lead. No further change took place, and the result was 5th Fusiliers 3 goals, L.N.E.R. 1 goal.

CAPT. MYERS LAYING WREATH ON WAR MEMORIAL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, ARMISTICE DAY, 1929.

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On the Garrison Ground, on the 30th November, we met

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Rowntree's, who are our nearest challengers in the League. We had Stobbart and Pennock for Lce.-Cpl. Charlton and Cpl. Bell, who were absent playing for the Army XI. Winning the toss, Smart elected to kick towards the Riding School. After about twenty-eight minutes' pretty football by the forwards of our side, the score was opened by Hughes from a neat pass by Scanlon. The latter player twelve minutes later converted a corner. Just before the interval Hughes, beating both backs drew the goalkeeper from his goal, and had no difficulty in scoring our third. After the interval the score was further increased by Scanlon with a long shot when about twelve minutes had elapsed. Following this there was much end to end play with our defence always keeping the opposing forwards in check. Young further increased our lead after half an hour's play, and just before the final whistle Rowntree's were rewarded by a goal scored by their inside right. Stobbart is to be congratulated on his successful shadowing of the opposing centre forward, who, up to this match, had been successful in all matches played by Rowntree's. This match was played in a fine sporting spirit, and the Secretary of the opposing side congratulated our Secretary (R.S.M. Rowsell) on the sportmanship of our side. The compliment was reciprocated. Final score :—5th Fusiliers, 5 goals ; Rowntree's, 1 goal.

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On the 7th December, on the Garrison Ground, we entertained Thirsk Town, and defeated them by 10 goals to 1. For this match it was decided to rest Lce.-Cpl. Charlton and Cpl. Bell prior to their playing in the Army XI. against the F.A. XI. on the 11th. Stobbart and Pennock again filled their respective positions. Smart won the toss and kicked off against the wind. For the first five minutes Thirsk attacked very strongly, forcing three corners, none of which were converted.

After this they gradually faded away, and the score at half-time was : 5th Fusiliers, 5 goals ; Thirsk, nil. The scorers were Hughes (2), Scanlon (2) and Caldwell (1). In the second half a further five goals were added. Hughes, Scanlon, Postle, Caldwell and Young each obtaining one. Just on time Thirsk succeeded in scoring, and the game ended : 5th Fusiliers 10 goals, Thirsk 1 goal.

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On the 14th December Knaresborough Town (last year's champions) were our visitors at the Garrison Ground. In this match we were at full strength. Losing the toss we were set to face the wind. Knaresborough opened the scoring after ten minutes through their inside right. Ten minutes before the interval Hughes equalised. No further change in the score took place before the interval. Six minutes of the second half had passed when Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, from a throw-in, increased our total. Shortly after, during a mêlée in the goalmouth, Young further increased the score. The visitors now pressed, and, while endeavouring to clear, Smart handled in the penalty area. From the spot-kick Knaresborough scored their second goal. From the kick-off the ball was immediately taken straight down the field and a goal resulted from a fine combined movement between Hughes, Scanlon and Charlton. This was scored by Hughes, and was the best goal of the match. Ten minutes from the end Hughes further increased the lead from a neat pass from Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. In the last few minutes another penalty was awarded the visitors against Smart. The right back was entrusted with the kick but missed badly. Result :—5th Fusiliers 5 goals, Knaresborough 1 goal.

It was very gratifying to see that in this match Lce.-Clp. Charlton had recovered his best form. He played a splendid game, but was only slightly better than the remainder of the team, who, as a whole, played football. May it continue.

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Army Cup Notes.

3rd Round.

In this round we were drawn against the Prince of Wales' Volunteers at home.

The teams lined up as follows :—

5th Fusiliers—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell (*capt.*).
Fus. Postle. Cpl. Scanlon. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Drmr. Caldwell.

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Whitnel. Birch. Lunt. Christie. Glover.
Furnace. Keeth. Mercer.
Oakley. Kitchen (*capt.*).
Pennell.

Prince of Wales' Volunteers—

Referee —Sjt. Finney, M.M., R.A.M.C.

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Having lost the toss Hughes kicked off against a mild wind. The opening exchanges were very fast, but the FIFTH quickly settled down, and in five minutes Young scored from twenty yards. Scanlon was hurt, but resumed soon after. Following this early reverse the Prince of Wales' Volunteers attacked strongly, but our defence held out, and the pressure was relieved by Bell, who cleared on the goal line. From his kick the ball went to Scanlon who quickly passed to Hughes, who took the ball through on his own, cleverly drew the defence, and walked the ball into the net for our second goal. Kitchen was now bent on playing our forwards off-side and succeeded so well that many promising moves were spoilt. Birch had hard lines with a good shot, which was saved by Bell at the expense of a corner which proved fruitless. The visitors continued to attack, and Lunt, when in the act of shooting, had the ball taken from his toe by Craig, who made a good clearance. Shortly after this Hughes had a clear run through, but failed to score. Craig was again prominent by saving a hot shot from Birch. Kitchen scored with a long shot, Craig knocking the ball into the net. The FIFTH now took up the attack, and Kitchen cleared on the goal line with the opposing goalie out of his goal and on the ground. Half-time :—5th Fusiliers 3 goals, Prince of Wales' Volunteers 1 goal. Immediately after the resumption, Young scored from a pass from Bell. Shortly after, Postle had a nice run through, but spoiled his chance by touching the ball a little too far forward. The goalie left his charge and had no difficulty in clearing. After 13 minutes, Hughes, receiving from Young, scored our fifth goal. This was soon followed by the sixth, for during a mêlée in the goal area, and with the visitors' goalie on the ground Scanlon had no difficulty in scoring. The FIFTH continued to press, and Scanlon, taking a pass on the run, failed by inches

After twenty-five minutes of the second half, Postle centred to Hughes, who scored. Splendid combination by Young, Caldwell and Hughes ended in the latter player missing a glorious opportunity from ten yards. Still maintaining the pressure, Caldwell ran through to shoot only to see his shot

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strike the upright and rebound into play. The visitors managed to clear, but the respite was short, as there was no hope of holding our forwards who did practically what they wished, but could not add further to the score. A break-away by the P.W.V.'s was stopped by Dennison. Following this, Hughes from a solo effort scored again. This was soon followed by another from a good pass from Caldwell, Scanlon being the successful marksman. A further pass by Caldwell saw Hughes add yet another goal. Immediately on starting, Caldwell ran through and scored. This made 4 goals in eleven minutes for the FIFTH. In the last five minutes Craig twice saved good shots from Birch.

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Result—5th Fusiliers 11 goals, Prince of Wales's Volunteers 1.

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The team are to be congratulated on their fine display. It is impossible to single out any particular player for special mention, as they all played well and showed the proper team spirit. It is sincerely hoped that this spirit will be maintained.

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It is surely a record for a third round tie to end with the score 11—1.

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Our congratulations are due to the visitors, who, although outclassed, fought gamely to the end. Never once did they give any signs of being downhearted or dismayed. They evidently believe in the motto that the game is never lost till it is won.

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The goal scorers in this match were Hughes 6, Scanlon 2, Young 2, and Caldwell 1.

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In the next round we are due to try conclusions with old Rhine Army rivals, *viz.*, the Royal Ulster Rifles. This match is scheduled to take place at Belfast, and will probably be played about 22nd January.

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Army and Command Notes.

Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. Charlton have been called upon twice during the month to play for the Army XI. They took part in matches against Oxford University and an A.F.A. XI.

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During the month a trial match took place on the Garrison Ground. The trial was to select a team representative of the Command to oppose York City, who are members of the Third Division (Northern Section). Four of our players were called upon for this match. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton and Cpl. Scanlon were definitely picked for the Probables, and at the last moment owing to casualties, Cpl. Bell was drafted into this team as a right back. His position in the Army team is left half. Cpl. Smart was selected for the Possibles side. The Probables won by 4 goals to nil. Cpl. Scanlon scored two goals. Cpl. Bell played an exceptionally good game at back. The team to oppose York City has not yet been disclosed.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ..	40	Lce.-Cpl. Charlton ..	2
Cpl. Scanlon	32	Cpl. Stobbart	1
Fus. Young	10	Fus. Postle	1
Drmr. Caldwell	8		—
Cpl. Bell	6		105
Fus. Kellett	5		—

In all this season we have played 19 matches, winning 17 and losing 2. Goals against us total 31.

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2nd Team Notes.

We have played three matches this month in the Wednesday League, all at home.

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On 27th November, 1929, we met and were defeated by Co-operative, by three goals to two; in this match we were very unlucky to lose, as Babington got hurt and had to go outside right, and our half-back line was disturbed. Dunn scored our two goals.

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On the 4th December, 1929, we met and were defeated by York Wednesday, by seven goals to two. In this match we suffered several casualties, both Wilson and Dunn having to leave the field owing to injuries. Dunn had to stay off most of the second half. Malcolm and Babington scored for us in this match.

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On the 12th December, 1929, we met and defeated the West Yorkshire Regt. "A" Team, by three goals to one. In this match great interest was taken as the Depôt had not been beaten this season and are top of the League. The West Yorks opened the scoring through their outside left, in seven minutes; Malcolm scored a good goal one minute after, the same player added another in the second half in five minutes, and completed his hat trick from a pass from Harnett in the closing stages. Gofton and Malcolm played an excellent game, and the remainder of the team combined well to give us a very good and popular win.

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Goal scorers to date:—

Fus. Malcolm	11	Cpl. Pennock	1
Fus. Postle	10	Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton ..	1
Lce.-Sjt. Babington ..	3		—
Fus. Gregory	2		30
Lce.-Cpl. Dunn	2		—

W.J.C.

Boxing.

Hart Shield.

INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

This Competition took place in the Command Gymnasium on 11th and 12th December, and resulted in a win for Capt. H. I. Powell's Company ("Y"). "W" Company, the holders, finished with an equal number of points, but "Y" Company, by virtue of having four Individual Winners against "W" Company's two, were awarded the Shield.

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This year the Shield was held at the beginning of the Boxing season in order to seek fresh talent for the Battalion Team, caused by the loss of Lce.-Cpl. Collingham (Feather) and Fus. Colley (Welter), both of whom represented the Battalion for several years and whose Colour Service has since expired.

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Considering the short period of time afforded for training, a few of the Indian Draft, fighting at a days' notice, the Boxing was well up to the average. The following fights are worthy of special notice:—*Bantam.*—Fus. Crann and Bdsmn. Anderson;

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Feather- –Fus. Mason and Fus. Farrow; and Fus. Dobie is to be congratulated on staying the full course against Lce.-Cpl. Stockton.

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Brigadier Heathcote, Capt. A. G. Duncan, M.C., Capt. J. Brennan, and Lieut. Brown kindly officiated during the Competition.

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The Battalion are the present holders of the Northern Command Cup, and rumours reach us from Catterick Camp that if we wish to retain it, our Team will have to be better than anything we have produced yet.

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Lieut. C. H. C. Carr-Ellison left us for the Adjutancy of the 7th Battalion at the end of last month. The record of the 1st Battalion, winners of the Command Competition for the last four years, is entirely due to his untiring leadership and management, and leaves his successor with a very high standard to maintain.

First Series.

Semi-Finals.	*Finals.*	*Winner.*
Bantam-Weights.		
Bdsmn. Anderson (H.Q. Wing)	Bdsmn. Anderson	Fus. Cranner
Fus. Cranner (" W " Coy.)	Fus. Cranner	
Feather-Weights.		
Fus. Farrow (" Z " Coy.)	Fus. Farrow	Fus. Mason
Fus. Mason (H.Q. Wing)	Fus. Mason	
Light-Weights.		
Fus. Middlemiss (" W " Coy.)	Fus. Middlemiss	Fus. Irving
Fus. Irving (" Y " Coy.) / Fus. Winlow (" Z " Coy.)	Fus. Irving	
Welter-Weights –" A."		
Fus. McGillvary (H.Q. Wing)	Fus. McGillvary	Fus. Morton
Fus. Morton (" W " Coy.)	Fus. Morton	
Welter-Weights—" B."		
Fus. Armstrong (" W ")	Fus. Armstrong	Fus. Hogg
Fus. Hogg (H.Q. Wing)	Fus. Hogg	
Middle-Weights.		
Cpl. Naylor (" Y " Coy.)	Cpl. Naylor	Fus. Naylor
Fus. Bone (" X " Coy.)	Fus. Bone	
Light-Heavy-Weights.		
Lce.-Cpl. Morley (" Y " Coy.)	Fus. Murphy ("Z" Coy.)	Lce.-Cpl. Morley
	Lce.-Cpl. Morley	
Catch-Weights.		
	Fus. Dobie (H.Q. Wing)	Lce.-Cpl. Stockton
Lce.-Cpl. Stockton (" Y " Coy.)	Lce.-Cpl. Stockton	

Serjeants' Mess.

December, 1929.

This month has been full of functions, etc. Three Billiard matches, a Whist Drive and Dance, and the Draw for the Christmas Cheer.

The prize winners at our monthly Whist Drive are :—

	LADIES.		GENTS.	
1st	Mrs. Morton	.. 170	Mr. Court	 173
2nd	Miss Coates	.. 169	Mr. Lorriman	.. 173
3rd	Mrs. Young	.. 168	Mrs. Pooley	 173
Booby	Mrs. Hutchinson	136	Mrs. Smith	 132

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We thank Mrs. Windram for presenting the prizes.

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The first Billiard match was a return one with the Conservative Club, on their own " turf," where they had their revenge on us by winning fairly easily.

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One of our big noises, " Nobby " had rather a shock. The Club brought in an ex-champion, Mr. Simpson, and to " Nobby's" surprise, he only scored SIX whilst his opponent scored 100.

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The next match was against the Officers, and we won as we liked :—

OFFICERS.		SERJEANTS.	
Lt.-Col. Booth	.. 150	R.S.M. Rowsell	.. 142
Capt. Scanlon	.. 87	Sjt. Babington	.. 100
Capt. Myers	.. 71	Sjt. Hobbs	.. 150
Lieut. Laing	.. 59	Sjt. Swain	.. 100
Lieut. Speer	.. 98	Sjt. Bell	.. 100
Lieut. Fishbourne	.. 71	C.S.M. Clarke	.. 150
Total	.. 536	Total	.. 742

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The following night a return match was played against the R.A.M.C., on our own ground, and again we proved victorious.

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SERJEANTS, R.A.M.C.		SERJEANTS, 5TH FUS.	
S.M. Hughes	.. 42	Sjt. Hobbs	.. 100
R.Q.M.S. Clarke	.. 84	C.S.M. Clarke	.. 100
Sjt. Ince	.. 61	Sjt. Babington	.. 100
Sjt. Campbell	.. 100	Sjt. Obey	.. 84
R.S.M. Loder	.. 74	Sjt. Bellamy	.. 100
Q.M.S. Ricke	.. 80	Q.M.S. Bramley	.. 100
	441		584

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The final of the Billiard Cup was played off between C.S.M. Clarke and Sjt. Hobbs, and Hobbs proved victorious by the narrow margin of 4 points.

Scores –Sjt. Hobbs 300, C.S.M. Clarke 296.

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Sjt. Harris has returned from a Course in Chemical Warfare, and immediately proceeded on his annual furlough. We shall probably have some of his concoctions on Training during the year. As long as he keeps them for training and not for eating the " Baron de Beef " will be safe.

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We congratulate Serjeant and Mrs. Crawley on the birth of a daughter. We are pleased to see both are doing well, and father is looking excellent.

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Our Christmas Tree went off with all its customary enjoyment.

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The majority of the members are at present on annual furlough.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Pyle on his engagement.

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The draw for the Christmas Cheer took place in the Mess on the 19th, and out of 86 prizes 35 came to members of the Mess, as follows :—

Turkey—Sjt. Timbers.
Goose—C.Q.M.S. Bramley, C.Q.M.S. Shaw.
Joint of Pork—Sjt. Ross, Sjt. Pyle, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.
Pork Pie—Sjt. Kirby.
Hare—Sjt. Babington.
Chicken—Sjt. Hitchens.
Sack of Potatoes—Sjt. Donovan.
Bottle of Whisky—Sjt. Bellamy.
½-Bottle of Whisky—C.Q.M.S. Shaw, Sjt. Bellamy, Sjt. Timbers.
Miniature Bottle of Whisky—R.S.M., C.Q.M.S. Irwin, Sjt. Pyle.
Bottle of Port—R.S.M., C.Q.M.S. West.
50 Cigarettes—Sjt. Babington, Sjt. Hitchens.
100 Cigarettes—Bandmaster Windram, Sjt. Pyle, J. Bellamy.
2 Rabbits—R.S.M.
50 Cigarettes—C.Q.M.S. Bramley.
Pork Pie—C.Q.M.S. West.
50 Cigarettes—R.S.M.
2 Rabbits—R.S.M.
2 Rabbits—Sjt. Cogan.
Hare—Sjt. Dennis.
Bottle of Port—Drm.-Major Hebbron.
Pork Pie—Sjt. Hackett.

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Greetings have been received from the following :—Serjeants' Mess, 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards ; Rev. Hutchings ; Officers, 1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Mr. Harvey and Bdsmn. Walters, Chelsea Hospital ; Colonel Sturges ; Major and Mrs. Flower ; Mr. and Mrs. Reardon ; Serjeants' Mess, The Green Howards ; Serjeants' Mess, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers ; Mr. J. Pearce ; Serjeants' Mess, The Northants. Regt. ; W. N. C. Crawhall, Esq. ; Mr. and Mrs. Slater ; Col. C. G. Caffin ; Mr. and Mrs. Hullyer ; Mr. and Mrs. Pullan ; Serjeants' Mess, The Cameronians ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regt. (West Surrey) ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 7th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Lieut. Kilgour ; Serjeants' Mess, 5th Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. ; C.S.M. and Mrs. Hurt ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Dorset Regt. ; Sjt. McCarthy, Leeds O.T.C. ; Sjt. A. E. Finnamore, Durham O.T.C. ; Serjeants' Mess, 4th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, The Devon Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Loyal Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt King's Shropshire L.I. ; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland ; Major H. L. Buchanan ; Capt. T. Scrutton ; Serjeants' Mess, The Cameron Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots ; R.A.S.C., York, Serjeants' Mess ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt The Gloucester Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, The Irish Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The South Wales Borderers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Durham L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Royal West Kent Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Foresters ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Border Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Coldstream Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt The West Yorkshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regt. Lieut.-Col. O. B. Foster, Col. H. R. Sandilands, Col. Heard, Mr. and Mrs. Ambury, Col. J. Somerville, Capt. and Mrs. Blackett Ord, Col. Stewart, C.Q.M.S. F. Reaney, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stafford, Capt. and Mrs. Myers, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Yatman, Capt. M. L. Sant, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Mrs. E. Morgan, Capt. and Mrs. Scanlan, Col. and Mrs. C. Turner, Col. and Mrs. C. Wood, Mrs. Toppin, Mr. T. Hiorns, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell, Miss Harkness, Capt. Pemberton, Sjt. Gossage, Mr. J. D. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Peak, H. H. Prideaux, Esq., Mr. J. W. Brown, Capt. and Mrs. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Loder, Mr. and Mrs. Gale, Mr. T. Tudor, Sjt. Lee, Capt. Jones, Sjt. Brown, Mr. T. Watson ; W.O. F. Gibbs, A.E.C. ; The Bedfs. and Herts. Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Devon Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, The Royal Scots Greys ; Lt.-Col. W. Platt ; Air Commodore Bonham-Carter ; Mrs. Hart Dyke ; Capt. and Mrs. Seth Smith ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Essex Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 6th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt Oxford and Buckingham L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Foresters ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Devon Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Royal West Kent Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. North Stafford Regt. ; 213th Battery R.A., York ; Serjeants' Mess, The Welch Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Highland L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Border Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Lancashire Fusiliers ; Officers' 7th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Capt. G. E. D. Waddilove ; Serjeants' Mess, South Stafford Regt. ; Capt. and Mrs. Hopkinson ; Lt.-Col. C. G. Maude ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Cheshire Regt. ; Col. D. Sapte ; Serjeants' Mess, 6th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, No. 8 Coy. R.A.M.C., York ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. East Lancashire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, The Royal Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, King's Own Scottish Borderers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Leicestershire Regt. ; Central Recruiting Depôt, London ; Serjeants' Mess, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, The Norfolk Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Cameron Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Somersetshire Regt. L.I. ; Depôt Bn. Royal Engineers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Black Watch ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt The Cameronians ; 51/65th Regtl. Depôt ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Coldstream Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, The Life Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Wiltshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. ; Depôt, The Border Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. North'd. Fusiliers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Worcestershire Regt. ; Depôt, The Green Howards ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Buffs ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Irish Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, The Royal Ulster Rifles ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. ; A.P.T. Staff, Aldershot ; Serjeants' Mess, Royal Corps of Signals, Caterick ; Serjeants' Mess, King's Shropshire L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. Prince of Wales' Volunteers ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Duke of Wellington's Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess' 2nd Bn. The Scots Guards ; M.G. School, Netheravon ; Serjeants' Mess, Royal Berkshire Regt. ; 5th/68th Regt. Depôt Serjeants, Mess ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Lincolnshire Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Suffolk Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, The Loyal North Lancs. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Oxford and Bucks. L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn., The Manchester Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt, Black Watch ; Serjeants' Mess, Argyll and Sutherland

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Highlanders ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 3rd Bn. The Coldstream Guards ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. The Green Howards ; Serjeants' Mess, Depôt The Highland L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 4th Bn. The Royal Tank Corps ; Serjeants' Mess, The King's Own Lancaster Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The King's Regt. ; Serjeants' Mess, The Depôt, Royal Ulster Rifles ; 30th/47th Regtl. Depôt ; Serjeants' Mess, The Depôt, Somersetshire L.I. ; Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The East Yorkshire Regt. ; 5th/21st Lancers ; Major Thornton, Capt. and Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Purcell, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Ainslie, Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Hallion, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Enderby, Mr. and Mrs. McKim, Capt. Gatehouse, J. M. Diamond, Esq. ; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. East Lancs. Regt.

Hunting.

The hunting season is now in full swing, or was, at least, until we were overtaken by the present frost and snow, which, to date, has lost us three days ; however, we cannot grumble, as between us we can register thirty-eight separate days' hunting.

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All have enjoyed themselves considerably, in spite of several casualties !

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Mr. Yorke had a nasty fall last month, his horse getting on top of him in a drain, which necessitated ten days being spent in hospital owing to his being badly kicked in the face. We are glad to say he has since been able to go on leave.

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Mr. Hobbs has also " met it," but we are glad to report that his beauty is not irrevocably spoilt ! although he was lucky not to have had his eye badly cut when his horse jumped him into a tree.

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Rumour has it also that Capt. Braddell parted company with his horse, and subsequently complained of pain in his arm ! But perhaps this statement was out of sympathy for a friend who had a fall a few days earlier. However, none of us have a clean slate, even the Adjutant, after leading the field on his young " grey," came to grief, but with no damage to himself.

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We all miss the familiar figure of Col. Herbert on his horse " Popper," and trust he is having good sport in Warwickshire.

Reflections of a Non-Foxhunter.

(By One Who Sympathises.)

Any hunting day—10 a.m.

" What *is* this ceaseless chatter
Of bridle, saddle, girth ?
Of snaffle, curb and martingale ?
Let's give them a wide berth !
The Mess with crops is littered,
And empty glasses too—
I'll press the bell and have a drink,
I need one more than you ! "

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Same day—4 p.m. (or thereabouts).

" More noise ! They're just returning,
Each drenched right to the skin!
There's Richard, plastered up with mud ;
Hobbs' ' topper ' battered in !
Poor fools! they call it pleasure!
(While I have worked all day.)
I'll show them, too, I have the right
To speak as much as they!"

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Four hours later.

" Oh ! listen to their prattle !
Who cares what ' Pat ' is worth ?
Who wants to hear of ' finds ' and ' checks ' ?
Of foxes gone to earth ?
Who minds—I ask—if Yoicks may be
A sixteen one—or two ?
If Perky's horse has stumbled ?
Or what the grey can do ?
We've ' spavins ' with the fish course,
And ' fetlocks ' with the sweet ;
And interludes of ' hocks ' and ' splints,'
To suffer through the meat ;
And when the port is handed,
They're leaping post and rails,
And five-barred gates undaunted,
Each caps the other's tales!
My head is well-nigh splitting,
I've simply ceased to think—
And 'ere the evening's over
I shall *need* an extra drink! "

" Bystander."

What do you look for in SPORTS SHOES?

Speed, certainly ; this comes from springy, ground-gripping crepe soles and that snug clinging fit about heel and ankle ; style, too, the latest sports modes ; and comfort, from skilled modelling and correct shapes ; long wear, from finest quality and sturdy building. You get all these in Fleet Foot—the Ideal Sports Shoe—and you cannot buy better sports shoes than Fleet Foot.

For sale by all N.A.A.F. Institutes.

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MEN'S 8/11
WOMEN'S 7/6

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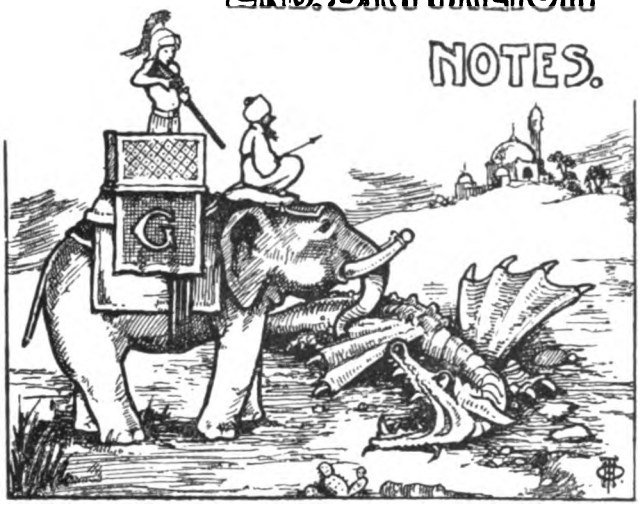

Lahore,
December, 1929.

THE problems facing the industrious writer who endeavours to deal with the *Gazette* notes for this particular period of the year in Lahore, are varied to a degree; his position indeed would seem to be analogous to that of an ambitious chef, who has been ordered to prepare a repast suitable at the same time to the principles of a vegetarian, a gourmet, and a dyspeptic.

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Shall one infuse a few words of regret on the passing of the hot weather, for those who really revel in its joys. Shall one deal exclusively with the approaching rigours of the collective Training Season, for the sake of the single minded Military enthusiast; or shall one temper justice with mercy, and add a mere soupçon of social and sporting events to our literary hotchpotch, for the benefit of the parabolic gourmet.

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To the reader aquainted with Lahore it only remains to observe "the cold weather has begun." To others, not equally fortunate, we would say: "Select any ten items from the following lists (by no means exhaustive) and call it a day!"

MILITARY.	SOCIAL.	SPORTING.
Platoon Training	Receptions (Gubernatorial)	Polo
Company Training ..	Theatres	Hunting
Battalion Training ..	Cinemas	Racing
Annual Tests (specialists only)	Dining	Shooting
District, etc., T.E.W.T.'s..	Dancing	Fishing
Camps (to cater for all) ..	Picnics (Moonlit)	Cricket
Competitions (skill and endurance only) ..	Tennis (with or without tea)	Football
Normal Routine	Socials	Hockey
	Drives (Bridge or Whist)	Boxing
		Sports Meetings
		Riots (Communal)

Care has been taken over the selection of each list, but prospective selectors will please arrange their own order of events. So much for the *status quo*.

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The normal early cold weather movements have taken place, with their usual conspicuous success. On 2nd November Capt. Attwater and Mr. Milward returned from Dagshai with "A" Company, Headquarter Wing and the married families; Capt. Plummer arriving next day with the rear party. We believe their journey was uneventful.

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Capt. and Mrs. Hogshaw arrived from England on 7th November, after touching at Basra on the way out. We are very glad to have Capt. Hogshaw back with us again from his tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt, and we take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to Mrs. Hogshaw.

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Mr. Bolster arrived on the following day with a Draft of 85 from the 1st Battalion; the hearty welcome is again extended. We would like to escape from the use of this banal phrase and employ some sentence which would convey our really genuine feeling, but space and the custom of the country forbid.

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Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Leach, Mr. Foster and Mr. Bradford have returned from leave in England, and Major Critchley Salmonson is expected shortly, should he survive the arduous journey by road from Cape Conorin. Major Baxter has returned from leave in India, and we are glad to say he is looking very fit again after his illness.

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We are glad to think that the only places left for Major Critchley Salmonson to visit on his way home next time, are Terra del Fuego, Kashgar and the Yukon.

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Capt. Wright left for Calcutta at the end of October to take up his appointment as Staff Captain, Vocational Training, Eastern and Northern Commands. We wish him every success and as pleasant a time as the inhabitants of Bengal will vouchsafe to him.

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"C" Company went out to camp at Kasur on 7th November, where they remain until relieved by "A" Company on 25th November; the remainder of the Battalion moving out in the second week in December.

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Kasur is situated on the main Lahore-Ferozepore road, some 30 miles from Lahore and about 11 miles from Ferozepore, and it is rumoured that there may be some shooting in the vicinity. The first halting place on the Kasur road is a village known as Kana Kutcha, which would appear to have some reference to inferior food, a thing by no means as uncommon in this country as some readers may suppose.

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Our next notes will presumably be written in camp, so we will not indulge, even in conjecture, as to the amenities of Kasur.

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Armistice Day was marked by the usual Church Parade, two minutes' silence, and the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille; the Battalion attended church as strong as possible.

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The lapse of years only serves to make this commemoration service more impressive and appropriate.

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Mr. Bolster has very kindly given us a few notes on the "Ship's Boxing Tournament," during the voyage out of the Draft, and every one will be very pleased to see the results obtained. It would appear that some of the other passengers will have cause to remember the Fighting FIFTH.

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Any mention of local politics must, we fear, be excluded, but one cannot help remarking that should any of our home legislators have been present in Lahore on 14th November, their views on the ultimate success of Dominion Status in the Indian Empire might have become considerably clearer. This, we feel sure, is an utterance sufficiently Delphic, to avoid the Scylla of King's Regulations and the Charybdis of a libel action.

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As there appear to be no further events of Military importance to recount, we would like to mention that the racing season opened here last week with two days of a Gymkhana Meeting. Unfortunately, owing to the regretable absence of our special racing correspondent on a shoot, information straight from the stable is unavailable, but we believe that no large sums changed hands on either day, in spite of the presence of a bookmaker who is equally at home at Epsom or Peshawar, and material, sufficient to furnish Mr. Edgar Wallace for a play in succession to the "Calendar."

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As these notes should appear approximately in the region of the New Year, we would like to close by wishing all readers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, may 1930 prove even more successful than 1929.

H.M.T. "Nevasa" Boxing.

The Novices Boxing, which began on 23rd October, drew a large entry from the Draft of the Fifth Fusiliers. Unfortunately many drew one another in the early rounds of the competition and knocked one another out of the competition.

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Fus. Mc'Kie and Boy Edgington both won their weight.

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The fight between Boy Edgington and Boy Burton was the best fight of the second evening. The two Boys "went all out" for the three rounds, and the one with the most stamina won.

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Some of the results are given below :—

Welter-Weight.

Semi-Finals.—Pte. Napsley (Essex Regt.) beat Fus. Fenwick (5th Fusiliers); Fus. Mc'Kie (5th Fusiliers) beat Fus. Bell (5th Fusiliers); *Final.*—Fus. Mc'Kie beat Pte. Napsley.

Feather-Weight.

Final.—Boy Pembroke (R.C.O.S.) beat Fus. Richardson (5th Fusiliers).

Boys Fly-Weight.

Final.—Boy Edgington (5th Fusiliers) beat Boy Burton (5th Fusiliers).

Boys Light-Weight.

Final.—Boy Rixon (East Surrey Regt.) beat Boy Wyles (5th Fusiliers).

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In the Army *v.* R.A.F. competition, which took place the following evening, Fus. Mc'Kie represented the Army as Welter Weight, and defeated his man, Air-Craftsman Burke, R.A.F.

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Strength, 31st October, 1929—
Officers 27, W.O.'s 8, S/Sjts. and Sjts. 33, Cpls. 45, Drummers 16, Fusiliers 16, Boys 13. Total 880.

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Grand total, 907. Attached.—3 Officers, I.A.U.L.; 1 W.O., A.E.C.; 1 A/S/Sjt., R.A.O.C.

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A Draft of 84 Men and Boys embarked at Southampton on H.M.T. *Nevasa* on 8th October, 1929, and disembarked at Karachi on 6th November, 1929. Joined the Battalion on 8th November, 1929.

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No. 4258039 Cpl. J. McGuire, H.Q. Wing, attended a Local Signalling Course at Rawalpindi, from 28th October to 7th November, 1929.

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Serjeants' Mess.

No. 4250099 Sjt. W. Earl, who sailed from India per the s.s. *California*, ex-Bombay, on the 21st November, for discharge to U.K., after a period of over 21 years service, has spent 15 years of this total service abroad—a qualification which is worthy of consideration in recording the Service of any soldier.

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He originally enlisted in the 3rd Reserve Battalion in February, '08, and transferred to the 2nd Battalion at Dover in July, '08. In September, 1913, he came to India with the 2nd Battalion and, on the outbreak of the Great War, proceeded to France with the Battalion in January, 1915. Wounded at Frezenberg, in May of the same year, he came back to England and was transferred to the Army Gymnastic Staff in September, '15, and posted to India again on the Staff of the Physical Training School at Ambala, as Sjt.-Major Instructor (I.U.L.). In February, 1920, he was reposted to the A.G.S. at Aldershot, and served for some time as Sjt.-Major Instructor of Physical Training at the 5/68th Regimental Depôt. His period of home service was, however, again shortened, when, in January, 1921, he was posted to Baghdad, Mesopotamia.

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The 2nd Battalion of the FIFTH were in Mesopotamia at this period, and on their departure to India, Earl transferred back to the old Regiment and rejoined the Battalion at Dinapore in July, 1921.

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Except for another short period at home he has, since then, been almost continuously with the 2nd Battalion. His record of service shows that he was promoted Serjeant in October, 1914, so that he was the oldest serving Serjeant with the 2nd Battalion.

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During his periods in India he has served in practically

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all the principal Military Stations in the country, and has also seen service in Burma, at Rangoon and Mandalay.

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Earl was one of those N.C.O.'s whose adaptability to any form of training and sport was an asset to any Battalion. His versatility is shown in the fact that he has represented the Battalion at Football, Hockey, Cricket, Rugger, Bayonet Fencing, Tug-of-War and Cross-Country Running. He has also helped to train the Battalion Boxing Team for a number of years, and was one of the founders of the present Battalion Boxing Club.

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He is in possession of the following medals :—1915 Star, General Service, Victory, Long Service and Good Conduct,

SJT. W. EARL.

and the Indian General Service Medal—the latter awarded whilst serving with the King's Liverpool Regiment on the N.W. Frontier in 1919.

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A fine type of well set-up soldier, he will be greatly missed. His wide experience covered many subjects, and his knowledge was always readily available.

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His eldest son, William, has also taken to the Service as a career and is at present serving an apprenticeship at the Army Technical School, Chepstow.

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To Sjt. Earl, Mrs. Earl and their family of 5 children, we offer our sincere wishes for a prosperous and happy return to civil life.

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Owing to the absence of the Mess notes last month the writer does not feel quite sure where to start. The easiest way would be to start from late events and then work back until memory failed, but as that would not take us very far back, let us start from the return of the Battalion to Lahore, mentioning that Sjt. Ted Young and Sjt. Plonker Phillips arrived from Blighty just in time to get up to Dagshai to help the Battalion down.

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The return of so many leave wallahs and the departure of so many members for home, makes the Mess notes read rather like an issue of Part II. Orders.

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The Mess first lost "Tiffy" Adams, who finished his tour abroad and had to return to his Depôt.

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Then it lost Sjt. Earl, C.S.M. Moon, C.Q.M.S. Avison, Sjt. Frayne, and lastly, Mr. Murdoch ; all going on the same boat. Billy Earl's record appears elsewhere in the *Gazette* ; "Mac" left us for civil life after five years with the Battalion—almost a record ; the owners of the remaining three names, will, it is hoped, be again members of the Mess when the 2nd Battalion arrives in England. At present they are at the Depôt, the Staff of which must now look like a small Detachment of this Battalion.

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Before our old members left us (old in membership we mean, of course), Sjt. Fairley and Lce.-Sjt. Miller came back from leave and were present at the farewell "Do."

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The correct designation of the "Do" was a "Dinner, Social and Dance," and a great success it was. Several Officers honoured the Mess with their presence at the Dance, and it is hoped that they enjoyed themselves as much as the members did. C.S.M. Davis i/c the show and his Committee deserve a pat on the back for their efforts, and thanks are due to Mr. Steffen and his band for their services.

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"Mac's" yarn of Phœbe Hessel, at Dinner, seemed very popular.

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It must be strange to stand in the middle of a room, everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne," and to reflect that it is the last time that one may ever see the same faces. However, such is life ; and we wish Billy Earl and Mac the best of luck in civil life.

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The only other event of note was a Billiard match which the Mess played against the Royal Artillery. We lost, probably owing the the team being tired after its journey to the R.A. Mess, but the evening was a great success. When we get a return match we intend to smarten "'em up."

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These notes are now respectfully passed for auditing, editing and censoring.

W.W.

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Notable Nimrods.

For wrinkles on Hunting, consult the Dictators
Of all apertaining to Sport ; Joint creators
Of Jorrocks and Soapey : of Facey they teach,
Gospels written by SURTEES and pictured by LEECH.

Corporals' Club.

We must, first of all, apologise for the fact that there have been no notes for the Corporals for some time, but by next month we hope to be in full swing again.

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We welcome back again to the fold Corporals Noble, Birnie, Smith and Munden, after their sojourn in England on leave, looking fit and happy ; but "alas" and "alack," Cupid scored a bull in throwing the dart, for one of our prodigals has bowed his knees to his artistity and has joined the happy band of Benedicts.

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Cpl. Hildrew has returned after a 10 weeks' Course at the Machine Gun School, at Ahmednagar, and we all hope his untiring efforts will be awarded with the similar initial as his Company. Since his return, "D" (M.G.) Company are to be seen at any hour of the day, dashing across the Miadan doing Section and Platoon training, with the unfortunate Sepoys trying to rope in the over zealous mules, who are continually breaking loose in their endeavour to show their paces for their entry in the Lahore races, whilst the young and budding N.C.O.'s are taking in the mysteries of articles such as Shiptins Slide Rule, the Director, and the Clinometer.

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W.O. Instructor Murdoch, A.E.C., who has just proceeded home by the s.s. *California*, responded to a farewell speech made to him by Cpl. Birnie on behalf of the members of the Club. We feel that we have lost a Fusilier and a very good friend through his departure from the Battalion, after having been with us for over 5 years. We all wish him, Mrs. Murdoch and family, "Bon Voyage" and a happy and successful life in whatever sphere he may find himself on his return to civilian life.

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On the evening of the 16th November we entertained the members of the Junior N.C.O.'s Club, R.A., at a football match, but they must have brought their siege guns with them, for we were badly humbled to the tune of 3 goals to 1 ; needless to say several of our members are beginning to put their heads together to try and fathom the reason, so with their efforts and a new eleven we hope to revenge our defeat. We are due to play them in the near future at Football, Billiards and Tiddley Winks.

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Unfortunately, "C" Company are in Camp, undergoing Company training, and "B" Company on Detachment in the Fort at Birdwood Barracks, leaving us with only about 50 % of our members.

Dagshai Detachment.

Dagshai
December, 1929.

The eventful happenings of the previous months at Dagshai lapsed into quietude during the month of October—a coincidence which sychronised with the departure of Battalion Headquarters to the Plains on the 1st October. Except for the completion of the Station Hockey Tournament, in which a team from "C" Company Details and the Employed Group Team both succeeded in reaching the semi-final to be ousted by Platoons of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and a farewell football match between the Durand Cup Teams of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and our Regimental side—there has been very little of special interest to record.

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The football game between the R.S.F. and the FIFTH was specially arranged, as it was realised that this would be the last occasion which the Battalion would have of seeing our side play together as a team. It is to be recorded that we won this game by 2—1 after an exciting encounter.

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The departure to U.K. of such old stalwarts as Lce.-Cpl. Calvert, Fus. Smith and Fus. Turner, who have constituted our half-back line for a number of years, and Lce.-Cpl. Clayton, Fus. Graham, Fus. Gillon and Fus. McCaffrey, is a loss to the Battalion team which seems almost irreparable. That the Battalion side have not met with the success which it deserved during the last few years has not been through any lack of effort on the part of these players. No side has been more loyally served than has the Battalion team by these men. We wish them all the very best of luck in civil life ; and those who remain serving on, will cherish the memories of their football days in the old Regiment.

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During the latter part of October the Brigade Commander, Ambala Brigade, paid a visit to the lines and saw all the bungalows of H.Q. Wing.

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He expressed himself as satisfied with all he saw.

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The 2nd Weapon Training Cadre finished about the middle of the month, and from then onwards a general exodous to the Plains seemed to be the order of the day. The Band left for Lahore on the 12th October in order to commence their engagement with the Gymkhana Club, and a steady dribble of pivotal personnel to the Plains was maintained throughout the month.

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Eventually the Battalion—348 strong, under the Command of Capt. A. B. Plummer, M.C., with 34 married families—left Dagshai on the 1st and 2nd November to rejoin Battalion Headquarters at Lahore. The exhaustive plan of operations for the downward move—a nightmare of figures and technicalities—as compiled by our A/Adjutant, Capt. H. A. Attwater, worked to precision. The fact that baggage and troops were loaded and entrained without the usual unforeseen delay accompanying such movements, enabled us, with the assistance of the Railway authorities, to arrive at the Cantonments siding to within a few minutes of the scheduled time.

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All were glad to get back to Lahore and to settle into barracks.

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Dagshai may have its advantages from a health point of view, but for all-round interest and variety of surroundings, it does not compare favourably with our previous Hill Stations of Lebong, Jalaphar, Ranikhet, Khanspur and Cherat.

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Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
December, 1929.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from Capt. and Mr. Myers, Mr. Boon, and Lieut.-Colonel V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O.

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Major-General D. P. W. Barrow, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., K.B.E., Director of Hygiene, The War Office, inspected the recruits on the 6th December.

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We have much pleasure in thanking the following for their kind presentations to the Depôt Museum :—

Capt. H. St. J. Montague—A collection of swords, kukri, foils and bayonets.

Major H. C. Stephens—Pay and Acquittance Rolls, 1st Bn., August, 1914.

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A draft of 14 Other Ranks arrived at the Depôt on the 30th November, from the 2nd Battalion, and were disposed of on the 2nd December. Another draft of 24 Other Ranks arrived at the Depôt on the 10th December, and were disposed of on the following day.

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On the 25th November, Major Chenevix-Trench accompanied Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, Lieut.-Col. Herbert, and Bt.-Lt.-Col. Platt on their visit to Holland for the unveiling of a Memorial Window at the English Church of Amsterdam. A full account of this will be found elsewhere in the *Gazette*.

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On the 20th December, the Command Inter-Depôt Married Families Christmas Tree Party took place. A good conjuring performance was followed by an excellent tea. After this, Father Christmas appeared in our midst and gave away the presents.

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Capt. Lindsay and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt are on leave, and the whole Depôt is intending to follow their excellent example at Christmas.

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We still have only two Squads at the Depôt. The August Squad is due to be drafted to the 1st Battalion on the 7th January, 1930.

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We wish to acknowledge with many thanks Christmas cards received from the following :—G.O.C. and Staff, H.Q. 50th Division ; Major G. M. Ellison and Officers, Depôt Lincolnshire Regt. ; Major H. E. Pickering and Officers, Depôt West Yorkshire Regt. ; The Officers, Depôt Leicestershire Regt. ; Major Smail and Officers, Depôt East Yorkshire Regt. ; Major M. N. Cox and Officers, Depôt Duke of Wellington's Regt. ; The Officers, 38/64th Regimental Districts ; Major N. E. H. Sim and Officers, Depôt York and Lancaster Regt. ; The Officers, 5th/68th Regimental Depôts ; The Officers, Depôt The Green Howards ; Durham University Cont., O.T.C. ; Lt.-Gen. Sir C. D. Shute and Staff, Headquarters, Northern Command, York ; Major M. Neale and Officers, R.A.S.C., Catterick Camp ; Command Pay Office, Northern Command ; Lieut.-Col. A. K. Hay and Officers, 19th Field Brigade Royal Artillery ; Small Arms School, Hythe ; Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas and Officers, 4th Battalion ; The Officers, 5th Battalion ; Lt.-Col. C. L. Matthews and Officers, 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry ; The Officers, 1st Battalion ; Mr. R. Forbes-Watson ; Capt. and Mrs. N. Blackett-Ord ; Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Surtees ; Capt. T. C. L. Redwood ; Col. R. Auld ; Secretary, Regimental Aid Society.

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C.S.M. Moon, C.Q.M.S. Avison and Sjt. Frayne, accompanied by their families, arrived here *ex* the 2nd Battalion, on 10th December, 1929, for a tour of duty. We wish them success and a pleasant stay at the Depôt.

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On the 31st December, Sjt. D. Bowker returns to the 2nd Battalion, on completion of his tour of duty at the Depôt. To him we wish *bon voyage* and best of luck.

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Sjt. Peppiatt was re-posted to the 1st Battalion on 14th December, 1929, on completion of his tour of duty. So well did he perform that his tour was extended to three years, and we wish him luck on re-joining the 1st Battalion.

Association Football.

The following football matches have been played :—

27th November, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Wallsend Tradesmen (home). Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 6, Wallsend 1.

4th December, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Stanley (away). Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 3, Stanley 1.

18th December, 1929.—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Tantobie (away). Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 2, Tantobie 2.

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The Depôt team are the leading team in the Tyneside Wednesday League, and the following are the results up to date :—

				Goals		
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Points
13	11	1	1	74	15	23

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The following matches have also been played :—

NORTHUMBERLAND MID-WEEK CUP—1st Round.

11th December, 1929—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Rington's (home). Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 10, Rington's 0.

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The Depôt team is drawn against Newcastle Co-operative Wednesday in the 2nd round, and the match will be played at Fenham on 15th January, 1930.

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NORTHERN COMMAND RECRUITS' CUP—Semi-Final.

12th December, 1929—Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Depôt West Yorkshire Regt., at York.

The following is an account of the game. During the first quarter of an hour the team, playing against the wind, could not settle down at all, and the West Yorks scored 3 goals. After this the FIFTH took charge of the game, and scored once through Proud. A few minutes later Cpl. Taylor, the old soldier of the team, scored from a free kick outside the penalty area. Score at half-time 3—2 to the West Yorks.

After the change-over our team pressed almost continuously, but could not score.

The West Yorks broke away once and scored again in the last few minutes. The West Yorks took charge, but did not

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score again. Undoubtedly the best player on the field was the West Yorks goalkeeper.

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Final score—Fifth Fusiliers 2, Yorkshire Regiment 4.

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Team.—Cpl. Taylor, Fus. J. Brown, Fus. Proud, Fus. Scott, Fus. Steljes, Fus. Wilkinson, Fus. Ardle, Fus. Flynn, Fus. Willis, Fus. Robson, Fus. Taylor.

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On 17th December a trial game of hockey was played on the Garrison Ground. The ground was in a very heavy state, and play was consequently slow. The probable forwards played the probable defence. It appeared from the standard of play that the Depôt will be able to field a fairly strong side, though we have not got an outside left who can centre without turning round. There was a certain amount of undercutting, but on the whole the play was of good standard. The referees were R.Q.M.S. Willson and Sjt. Hunter. Capt. Cooper captained the forwards, and Lieut. Collingwood the halfs and backs.

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WHITES.

Cpl. Turnbull.
Sjt. Chapman. Lieut. Clarke.
Sjt. Frayne. Sjt. Graham. Fus. Robson.
Lce.-Sjt. Jamieson. Capt. Cooper, M.C. Sjt. Bowker.
Cpl. Taylor. R.S.M. Brockelsby.

COLOURS.

Fus. Maddison.
Fus. Carver. Sjt. Horlington.
Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes. Sjt. Gent. Fus. Cuthbert.
Sjt. Lynch. Lieut. Collingwood. Cpl. Jarmain. Sjt. Cross.
Fus. Watchorn.

Boxing.

On the 4th December, the Inter-Squad Boxing took place, and resulted in a win for the August Squad over the November Squad by 30.4 to 25.1

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In the Bantam Weights, Fus. Newton was much too good for his opponent.

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The Feather and Light-Weights gave us some good, hard fighting, in which straight hitting was predominant.

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The Welter-Weights were also notable for hard hitting, but Fus. Ardle was much too good for his opponents.

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The Middle-Weights were marred by too much swinging and trying for knock-outs. The standard of boxing in this Weight was not so good.

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RESULTS.

Bantam-Weights.
Fus. Newton (Nov.) } Fus. Newton k.o. 1st round.
Fus. Pitch (Nov.) }

Feather-Weights.
Fus. Cleat (Aug.) } Hamilton
Fus. Hamilton (Aug.). }
Fus. Lawton (Nov.) } Lawton
Fus. Anderson (Nov.) }
} Hamilton.

Light-Weights.
Fus. Elliot (Nov.) } Elliot
Fus. Butler (Aug.) }
Fus. Morrell (Nov.) } Morrell
Fus. Riley (Aug.) }
} Elliot.

Welter-Weights.
Fus. Ardle (Aug.) } Ardle
Fus. Gourlay (Nov.) }
Fus. Keegan (Aug.) } Keegan
Fus. Scott (Aug.) }
} Ardle

Middle-Weights.
Fus. Flynn (Aug.) } Sinclair
Fus. Sinclair (Aug.) }
Fus. Whiley (Aug.) } Whiley
Fus. Robson (Nov.) }
} Sinclair

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Captain Lindsay kindly presented the Medals, and thanked Captain Bennett for refereeing.

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On the 19th December, the 5/68th Inter-Depôt Boxing took place, and resulted in a win for the 5th Fusiliers by 16 points to 14.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Newton *v.* Pte. Wright. Pte. Wright forced this fight from the beginning, and knocked out his opponent with a good body punch in the 2nd round. 5th Fusiliers 1, D.L.I. 2.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Hamilton *v.* Pte. Jenkinson. Pte. Jenkinson was too quick for his opponent, and won a good fight by his excellent footwork. 5th Fusiliers 2, D.L.I. 4.

Fus. Pickering *v.* Pte. Samuels. Although Fus. Pickering did most of the attacking, he was up against a more experienced boxer, who used his reach to win comfortably. 5th Fusiliers 3, D.L.I. 6.

Fus. Lawton *v.* Pte. Collingwood. Both men fought hard from start to finish, and it was only the cool fighting and straight hitting of Fus. Lawton that enabled him to win a much needed victory. 5th Fusiliers 5, D.L.I. 7.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Riley *v.* Pte. Bunker. After a rather weak beginning, Fus. Riley settled down and won a close fight by useful all-round fighting. 5th Fusiliers 7, D.L.I. 8.

Fus. Butler *v.* Pte. Davis. This was one of the best fights of the evening, and was decided by an extra round which went to the FIFTH. Both men fought extremely well and displayed a good knowledge of boxing. 5th Fusiliers 9, D.L.I. 9.

Fus. Elliot *v.* Pte. North. Both men seemed to over-estimate one another in the first round, and it was only Fus. Elliot's aggressiveness in the second round that secured us the fight 5th Fusiliers 11, D.L.I. 10.

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Scott *v.* Pte. Walker. This was undoubtedly the best fight of the evening, and an extra round had to be fought before Fus. Scott got the decision. Pte. Walker tried hard to close with his opponent, and infight, but by using both hands to good advantage Fus. Scott held his own. In the extra round the strain of attacking told on Pte. Walker, and Fus. Scott scored freely. 5th Fusiliers 13, D.L.I. 11.

Fus. Keegan *v.* Pte. Lee. Fus. Keegan used his left to good

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effect in the first round, but the extra strength of his opponent was finally too much for him and he lost a good hard fight. 5th Fusiliers 14, D.L.I. 13.

Fus. Ardle *v.* Pte. Curry. This was a good fight, in which the extra experience and straight hitting of Fus. Ardle gained him the decision. 5th Fusiliers 16, D.L.I. 14.

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At the conclusion of the boxing Major McCullagh kindly presented the Shield to the 5th Fusiliers and thanked both Major Palmer for refereeing and Q.M.S.I. Horlock and the P.T. Staff for their excellent arrangements.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn,
December, 1929.

THE 7th Battalion correspondent is herewith warmly congratulated on his excellent notes for last month, and it is admitted here and now that it is owing to his words of wisdom that these notes are forthcoming. During these "dead" months, with little news to hand, and when even the spirit is not willing, there is a great temptation to lapse into silence. However, the clarion call has been heard.

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The outstanding feature has been the great success of our weekly boxing meetings. They are becoming quite popular, and before the training season commences there is every hope of raising some good teams.

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We are at present collecting N.C.O.'s for various Courses to be held at the Depôt next month, and it is no easy job in these days of unemployment officials and migrating instincts, besides lots of people become inaccessible owing to repeated change of address and employment.

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These Courses are a great help to Company Commanders, provided the right men are able to attend, so that efficient instructors may be forthcoming for the training season. What is wanted most, perhaps, is a course for "teaching," whereat N.C.O.'s may be taught how to be instructors.

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The T.A. soldier has only twenty hours of pre-camp training, and obviously the subjects to be taught therein are limited. The N.C.O.'s are reasonably proficient in their knowledge, and if they were taught various hints and methods of passing this knowledge on to their men, much valuable time might be saved. This is not only required for training season instructors, but also for all N.C.O.'s for the training of their own Platoons and Sections in camp. During Annual Training, it has often been felt that many N.C.O.'s know what is required of them, and do the right thing at the right time, but are not backed up by their men because of misunderstanding owing to their own inability to teach.

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In future wars, section commanders are to fight with their heads—pretty sound weapons, too—if something be done about it.

The Serjeants' Mess held a Dance on Monday, 16th, in the Drill Hall, and their committee arranged a very good affair indeed.

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By the time these notes have been printed, another Christmas and New Year will have passed, so that we now take the belated opportunity of wishing all our readers the compliments of the season.

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At present, Newburn District is not industrially flourishing, but we hope that in 1930 the long-looked-for prosperity may commence.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
December, 1929.

LITTLE has happened since the last month's notes to attract the attention of the *Gazette*. The Drill Hall has been in the hands of Poultry Fanciers and the Post Office Authorities for the greater part of the month, but in spite of these drawbacks, we have made the most of lucid intervals, and had a successful evening's boxing with the 9th D.L.I.—successful, we mean, from a sporting point of view. The Gateshead men defeated us, for the first time, by 16 points to 11, and well deserved their victory. Their fighting was good and clean, and incidently they have learnt that, when they appear in the ring, they must concentrate on fighting and not sparring. One saw, over and over again, a determined, and possibly less skilled, boxer commanding the centre and leading well. We have one or two, especially Fus. Gullon, who prefer to fight and succeed with their backs on the ropes, but, on the whole, it requires a fertile brain to win a fight, while always having this position.

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We congratulate the Durham Battalion on their very meritorious performance, and can console ourselves with the thought that we produced the goods if they produced the weights, a fact that speaks a great deal for the latent keeness and boxing vigour in our Battalion. We had hard lines in having to dispense with the services of Fusiliers Bell, Gordon and Mulligan, but even then the tale went against us, and possibly the Durhams could have raised the same bleat.

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Colonel Sadler (Commanding the 9th D.L.I.) presented the prizes, and, in a short and breezy speech, congratulated both sides so impartially, that we felt it was an honour to have lost.

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The arrangements, we may say, were all made under the auspices of the Durham Battalion, to whom we had lent the use of our Hall and the ring.

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Our next great effort in the Boxing line is a contest with our 1st Battalion, which will take place on Saturday, the 8th February, at St. George's Drill Hall. All prospective competitors are warned to prepare, and all good Fusiliers and their friends are informed that their presence, in uniform if economy is considered, is essential to support our representatives.

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A Boxing Tournament of this nature, when a Regular Battalion will compete with a Territorial Battalion, is probably unique in the annals of the Service, or, at all events, it is without precedent in modern times in our own Regiment.

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Our 1st Battalion are to be thanked for the effort all will make to appear in Newcastle, and we hope the welcome that will be shown will express the appreciation that so sporting and kindly a venture deserves.

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Of Training itself there is little to record, as serious work in this quarter is not due to start until after the New Year, when various Courses at the Depôt and our Drill Hall are to begin. Hence, perhaps, this concentration upon Boxing and other airy matters.

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Another Whist Drive was held on 11th December for prizes presented by our Subalterns. A good crowd of about 70 were present in spite of an exceedingly cold night. Mr. Gardner presented the prizes, consisting mostly of orders for provisions; and we hear that he spoke as a Chartered Accountant should, on figures and how you can alter them. We have only a very curtailed record of these golden words, but from all accounts, Mr. Philip Snowdon himself could not have found a better recipe for success.

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Our Christmas entertainments begin on Saturday, the 28th December, with the Christmas Tree and Tea for our Fusiliers' children, and with the hope that all will enjoy themselves, is coupled the fervent prayer that the Quarter-master will not go sick in the meantime.

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The Quarter-master did not go sick, and in consequence our childrens' party was perhaps the best we have had. There were approximately 600 present, and, judging by the expressions, everyone had a good tea. After tea, each child received a suitable present and a paper bag containing more provisions in case they hungered on the way home. C.S.M. Cornes, as Father Christmas, proved the versatility of the Regular Army, and with his help, a ventroliquist and a Punch and Judy show, the children were kept amused or occupied. The whole event was a great success, and our thanks are due to our Quarter-master and Mrs. Ouzman for all they did to carry out such a very laborious and carefully organized entertainment, and the services of our R.S.M. and Staff-Serjeant Holmes were much appreciated by those who share the responsibility of the work.

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Our thanks are also due to the Corporals' Club who helped all through, and their assistance, spontaneous and effective, was most useful at a time when authority and tact have to be always available.

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The Company Commanders themselves tackled the duty of coping with the children of their own Corporals and Fusiliers, and this division of responsibility avoided and possibly effaced, all the tears of the year before.

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The Christmas Tree and Entertainment for the Serjeants' wives and children takes place on Saturday, the 4th January, and we hope they will be favoured with better weather than on Saturday.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

23rd December, 1929.

AFTER this Battalion's masterpiece last month, which even gained mention in the Editorial columns, the new 7th Battalion correspondent equips himself for his job and assumes the writing position in fear and trepidation.

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Picture him, a solemn, hard-faced creature of woe, sitting at a desk absolutely littered with all sorts of books, such as Dictionaries, Aids to Spelling, Gazette-note writing made Easy, etc., etc.—(1) full of terror concerning the unspeakable things his readers (if any) will be thinking and/or saying about his efforts. (*Note.*—A Territorial Officer, unlike his Regular brother, frequently talks first and then thinks, often regretting this for long thereafter) and (2) trying his utmost to raise "the funny little titter inside his tunic"—which all really genuine Territorial correspondents wear when writing their *Gazette* notes (the tunic we mean, of course), but which (the titter) doubtless due to the solemnity of the occasion, refuses to manifest itself either (a) as a titter, funny, inside, authorised, or even (b) as a genuine expression, facial, visible.

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There are two things which give grounds for hope and perseverance, however, which our late lamented correspondent holds out to the present writer.

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Firstly, that the said late correspondent is really ceasing to function, and removing himself to a clime whence he cannot do mortal injury.

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Secondly, that bad notes are better than none at all, and in this we must all agree; although the degree of badness should not be allowed to exceed a certain point calculated to exert an unduly disturbing influence upon the reader's blood pressure. Such point, of course, must necessarily vary with different readers, according to a number of factors, such as his known aptitude for absorbing unpleasantness; his personal efficiency and stamina, and so on; and perhaps the Editor or someone might be kind enough to arrange a Board to investigate the whole question and report, in confidence, to all contributors to these columns, laying down definite limits, the bounds of which must on no account be passed.

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On the other hand, such a course might for all time efface the possibility of one's producing for oneself a titter of any sort, either internal or external, and that being a sound ambition, more or less within the grasp of all that only work hard enough to attain same, it would be a pity to apply a damper in any shape or form.

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But enough of such serious thoughts this Festive Season!

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Last month's event of importance was a Dinner given by the Officers to bid farewell to our late Adjutant—Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.—which took place at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, 30th November.

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We had a nearly "all present" parade of serving Officers, and Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P.—under whose command

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Capt. Trenam commenced his service with this Battalion—was also present.

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After an excellent repast, preceeded by the usual round of cocktails, the Company settled down to some excellent speeches (both given and received) and, later on, to some more frivolous forms of enjoyment.

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Col. Robson, proposing the health of our guest, briefly summarised the very valuable work Capt. Trenam had done in the interests of the 7th Battalion during his Adjutantcy, and wished him "God Speed" and all success in his future career.

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Col. Wright also spoke, and paid high tribute to the state of efficiency of the Battalion, which in no small measure was due to Capt. Trenam's efforts.

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The toast was gratefully drunk, with musical honours.

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In reply, Capt. Trenam told us how happy he had been throughout his tour of duty and how sorry he was to leave. He had done his best at all times to help in every way possible, and he felt very gratified that his efforts had been so highly appreciated.

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Another guest was our new Adjutant, Mr. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, who took over on 5th December; and in welcoming him to the fold, the C.O. hoped that he would soon settle down to his new post, like it, and do as much for the Battalion as his predecessors.

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After his health had been drunk, Mr. Carr-Ellison suitably replied, in a nice Maiden Speech.

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The rest of the night passed moderately calmly.

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Some of us got a bit of our own back, but others were not so lucky, as Capt. Trenam withdrew his body, bruised—but intact as to bones, flesh, etc., and nearly so as to clothing—at an all too early hour.

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During the evening Mr. Carr-Ellison gave proof of his physical powers of endurance, and we award him full marks in all the tests to which he was put.

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The arrangements for this feast were in the hands of Capt. E. H. Watson, and he is to be highly congratulated on organizing a most enjoyable and memorable evening. The P.M.C. has "got him down" for all fatigue work in the Newcastle area for the future!

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It is very sad, in many ways, to think that Capt. Trenam has left us as Adjutant.

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During the past few years that he has been with us (which have passed all to quickly) the Battalion has made great strides in every direction, and our thanks are truly and in no stinted measure due to the very hard work he has put in; to his untiring energy which has guided our puny efforts into the proper channel; and to his great organizing ability which he has applied with tremendous effect, particularly towards our training.

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The position of Adjutant to a Territorial Battalion is not by any means a sinecure, and when the Battalion is scattered over the greater part of a county like Northumberland—as ours is—it calls for much effort indeed. Capt. Trenam has visited and revisited detachments up and down the line, week in and week out, and by his example has kept all and sundry absolutely keen and bang up to scratch.

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Being the only Regular Officer in the Unit, amongst busy men whose time for matters military is strictly limited, duties naturally fall to the Adjutant which in other circumstances would devolve on the C.O., a Company Commander, or someone else; and no inconsiderable tact is necessary lest, on the one hand, he oversteps the mark and becomes a minor Commander-in-Chief, thus treading on the toes of the mighty, or mightless (who, in such circumstances, could not be expected to raise a titter!) or, on the other, understeps it, leaving something undone, which—possibly unknown to him—"all concerned" are leaving to the Adjutant to perform, in which case he might let the Battalion down.

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Capt. Trenam, in all such trials, has risen to the occasion in no uncertain manner, and, with him, there has been a notable absence of all those little petty-fogging pin-pricks which tend to make a Territorial's life, as such, rather a bore.

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When things go sweetly all is well; and the credit for efficient and smooth working is seldom given either in the proper quarter or in the right quantity. We wish to put our thanks to Captain Trenam officially on record—and in this all ranks join—for his most successful, and, should we say, acceptable services as Adjutant.

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But there are ways an Adjutant can help a Territorial in other than the outward and visible signs of Parades, Camp, and so on; and we would like to mention two of the many ways in which Captain Trenam has been of assistance not only to the 7th Battalion in particular, but to the Army as a whole since we have had him with us.

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The first is the tremendous amount of work he has done in assisting Officers of whatever rank or Unit in regard to their promotion examinations. And not without success either. He has guided the Military Education of many of us, has shown how to study military problems to the best effect, and how to convince Examiners; and, in terms of finance, the number he has helped to push through must be costing the exchequer pounds and pounds a year! He has the very hearty thanks of all those he has helped in this way, and will always have a warm corner in their bosoms.

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The second thing is the way in which he has tried to bring the Territorial soldier into really close contact with the Regular Army, and to get a sound basis of co-operation. Particularly does this apply to our Regimental Depôt. We have had hundreds of Courses there of every nature, and we feel that we are really firm friends. One of the results of such a "getting together" is that during the past year our Battalion

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has supplied more recruits to the Regular Army than any other in the Northern Command—a record of which we are justly proud.

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We wish Captain Trenam a successful future wherever the fates call him, and hope that he has many, many years of Military life still to come, employed in the manner to which we believe him most suited—in the work of training others.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. A. N. Beatty, Permanent Staff Instructor at Morpeth, on being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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Also hearty congratulations to Sjt. J. Coulthard, of "D" Coy.; Sjt. R. Redford, of "B" Company; and Fus. J. Reed, of H.Q. Wing ("B" Company) on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal.

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His many friends in the Battalion will also warmly congratulate C.S.M. P. Cole, for so many years on the Permanent Staff, on his being awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. May he live long to wear it, even though he has now left the Army and is settled down to civilian life.

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All our Permanent Staff Instructors have recently returned from Courses—C.S.M. Ratliffe, Berwick, returned on 30th November from a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon; C.S.M. Beatty, Morpeth, has been on a "Care and Repair Course" Small Arms, at the Military College of Science at Woolwich; while C.S.M. Clare, Ashington, and C.S.M. Greaves, Amble, have just completed a week's Refresher Course at the Depôt.

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We hear it rumoured that Mr. Samwell, our worthy Quartermaster, has discovered a new way of "making" bread, entirely doing away with the tiresome process of baking. He will not, however, be satisfied as to the success of his preliminary experiments—which have been carried out, it is said, on a very small scale—until Camp, 1930, where it is alleged he hopes to make much more than last year. So anyone desiring to participate in his secret, need not bother to apply for any information prior to July next.

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Our strength to-day is 20 Officers and 512 Other Ranks.

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We take this opportunity of wishing everybody the Compliments of the Season, and a successful training year 1930—and of thanking all those who have sent us Christmas Cards and kind wishes.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
December, 1929.

WE beg to thank all those who so kindly sent us cards for Christmas, and New Years greetings and wishes. We wish the senders all the good wishes indicated on their cards, and then some.

The following cutting from the *Times* of 27th December is of interest:—

> "Ex-Serjeant Edward Fogarty, of Euston Street, Belfast, a Crimea and Indian Mutiny veteran, has died at the age of 98. He first served in the Somerset Light Infantry, and afterwards in the Northumberland Fusiliers."

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We are asked to announce that the St. George's Riddell Scholarship at Wellington College is now vacant. Annual value £60. It is open in the first place to the direct descendant of any Regular Officer of 5th Northumberland Fusiliers; and in the second place to the direct descendant of any Officer of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Apply to the Bursar, Wellington College, Berkshire. This Scholarship, it will be remembered, was endowed by his widow in memory of the late Brig.-General J. Riddell, who was killed in the Great War. It is available to an eligible candidate who may be a student at Wellington College already, and is not confined only to those about to join.

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We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. Price 10/- each.

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We re-publish the following extract from the *Times* of 1st January. As a commentary on the *esprit-de-corps* for which the FIFTH are justly famous, it needs no further eulogies from an Editorial pen. Suffice it to say that, having read it, we pledged a bumper to the continued health and prosperity of the Old Fifth Fusiliers concerned:—

OLD OFFICERS' RE-UNION.

"On December 11th, 1879, six Lieutenants embarked from Portsmouth in H.M. Troopship *Crocodile* with the 2nd Bn. 5th Fusiliers, for India. Last night, the 50th Anniversary, the six met once more at Babworth Hall, near Bedford. They are:—Colonel Sir Albert E. Whitaker, of Babworth Hall; Brigadier-General Charles Lambton, of Mortimer, Berks.; Colonel W. E. Sturges, of Clevedon, Somerset; Colonel E. W. Dashwood, of London; Brigadier-General T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, of London; and Major G. M. Harding, of Lymington, Hants. Most of these Officers took part in the war in Egypt in 1898, and were at the Battle of Omdurman. They also served in the South African War in 1899–1900, when Colonel Dashwood was severely wounded, and in the Great War.

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Subscriptions due in January, 1930:—

Mr. J. Chislett	Mrs. Platt
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Major H. M. Heyder	Miss Harkness, M.B.E.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. C. F. Baker	Lieut. H. Hopper
Mrs. Arkwright	Mr. Charles Sanford
Capt. C. R. L. English	Capt. B. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.

For the New Year gift and the birthday gift, chocolates have long been immensely popular; indeed, a box of chocolates must be regarded as an indispensable item at any happy gathering.

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Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I shall be much obliged if you will publish the enclosed War Office letter, No. 092/1945 (A.G.4b) :—

"In continuation of War Office letter of above number dated 4th October, 1929, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to approve of an alliance between the 35th Battalion, Australian Infantry, Australian Military Forces, and The Northumberland Fusiliers. A notification of this alliance will appear in Army Orders in due course."

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON, Major-General,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
31st December, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1929, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D.	1	1	0
Mrs. Hart Dyke	1	0	0
Officers' Mess, 3rd Battalion	36	3	8
Lieut.-Col. J. M. Bett	1	0	0
Capt. A. L. Scaife	5	0	0
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Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.			Clothing
Officers, 1st Battalion			Christmas Greetings
Officers, Depôt			Christmas Greetings
Lieut.-Col. J. M Bett (3rd parcel)			Clothing

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary.

30, The Mall,
Peshawar,
North West Frontier Province.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

May I venture to correct an error that occurred in your Editorial notes in the October number of the *Gazette*. 2nd-Lieut. John Youll was killed at the Battle of Vittorio Veneto, not at the Battle of the Piave.

The names given in these battles are sometimes puzzling to the British troops that took part in them. At the Battle of the Piave the British Divisions were on the Asiaja Plateau, it was here that Youll won his Victoria Cross. At the Battle of Vittorio Veneto, on the other hand, the 7th and 23rd British Divisions were on the Piave and created the bridge-head on 27th October, which was the deciding factor in the battle. But Vittorio Veneto had been selected at the outset as the strategic objective, and though but for the British bridge-head it is more than doubtful if that objective would have been gained in time to bring Austria to terms on 4th November, it is natural, perhaps, that its name should be given by the Italians to a battle always connected in the mind of the British troops with the River Piave.

H. R. SANDILANDS, Brigadier.

PESHAWAR,
4th December, 1929.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I shall be much obliged if you will publish the following summary of the account of the South African Memorials Repair Fund.

RECEIVED.		£	s.	d.
June 21	Major St. John	2	2	0
	Brig.-Gen. C. H. L. James	1	1	0
Sept. 18	Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O.	3	0	0
Oct. 27	Brig.-Gen. C. Yateman, D.S.O.	1	0	0
	Balance	9	14	6
		£18	17	6

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson to Graves Commission	18	17	6
	£18	17	6

The Fund is now closed.

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON, Major-General.

Scholarships for Sons of Army Officers.

Alteration of Age Limit.

The War Office,
London, S.W. 1,
10th December, 1929.

WITH reference to the recent announcement regarding the Gill Memorial Scholarship and Exhibitions, it is notified that candidates must be under 14½ years of age on 1st June, 1930, instead of under 14 years, as previously announced. The Scholarship and Exhibitions are tenable at Brighton College by sons of Officers or ex-Officers of the Regular Army, or of the Reserve or Auxiliary Forces.

Army Reserve.

Training, 1930.

The War Office,
London, S.W. 1,
12th December, 1929.

It is notified, in an Army Order, that there will be no training during 1930 for Sections "B" and "D" of the Army Reserve.

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